

Ep. 71: Maternal Mental Health

Psychiatric nurse practitioner, Becky Spencer, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, IBCLC, PMH-C, FILCA joins host Chris Stallman, CGC, to talk about maternal mental health, how common postpartum mental health challenges are and what to do to get help.

Resources mentioned in this episode:

Postpartum Support International

MotherToBaby Maternal Mental Health Hub

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Dr. Katayune Kaeni, aka “Dr. Kat,” joins host Chris Stallman to talk about maternal mental health including postpartum depression, anxiety and psychosis. Dr. Kat serves on the board of directors for **Postpartum Support International**. She’s a psychologist certified in Perinatal Mental Health. She works with pregnant, loss and postpartum parents in California.

She also hosts the Mom & Mind podcast.

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Dr. Jessica Vernon, a New York-based OBGYN recently featured on the Today Show, shares her story of postpartum depression and anxiety (also known as perinatal mood disorders). Even as an OBGYN, the often-debilitating condition was difficult to recognize during her own motherhood journey. Dr. Vernon joins host Chris Stallman, certified genetic counselor, to share the lesser-known symptoms of postpartum depression and anxiety and when it's time to get help.

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MotherToBaby provides an update as of 4/8/20 on COVID-19 (coronavirus) exposure in pregnancy and while breastfeeding. Maternal anxiety, depression, domestic violence, keeping prenatal appointments...New questions are, once again, answered surrounding the effects the novel coronavirus has had on pregnant and breastfeeding women with the help of Lorrie Harris-Sagaribay, MPH, a teratogen information specialist (an expert in exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding) from MotherToBaby's North Carolina affiliate and Kirstie Perrotta, MPH, a teratogen information specialist from MotherToBaby' California affiliate.

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