



# Summer Newsletter

2010



Happy Summer from PARTNRS!

It's getting hot out there! Now it's the time to enjoy barbeques, picnics, and long days at the beach. Always remember to protect yourself and your baby from harmful rays by following these simple tips: wear caps/hats, sun-protective clothing (for baby), apply SPF of 15 or more, sunglasses with UVA & UVB protection, and play in the shade. Have safe and wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you at your next interview!

## About PARTNRS

PARTNRS is a program for young couples to share what it is like for them to become parents. Remember, interview #2 is when your baby is about 6 months old and interview #3 is when your baby is about 12 months old. Based on your interviews, Dr. Kershaw and the PARTNRS Team will build programs and services for young couples that are becoming parents. These programs will help build strong families and help prevent the spread of HIV and STDs in our communities. Your time and contribution is very important!

## New Faces at PARTNRS

We are very excited to welcome 5 new members to the PARTNRS team! Each one of these individuals will contribute greatly to our program and they look forward to meeting you at the clinics or in the office!



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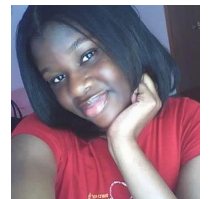
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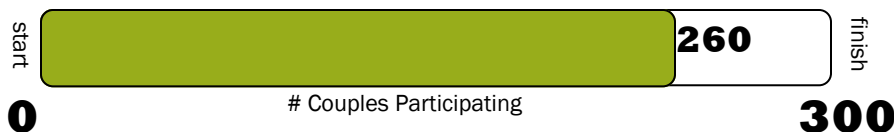


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## Recruitment

260 couples have joined PARTNRS so far!

[www.partnrstudy.com/join](http://www.partnrstudy.com/join)



## Happy Birthday America!



Independence Day, also known as Fourth of July, honors the birthday of the United States and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776. Many individuals celebrate this holiday by having patriotic parades, picnics and fireworks displays. So make sure you wear your red, white, & blue and take part in celebrating our nation's birthday!

## Fireworks!

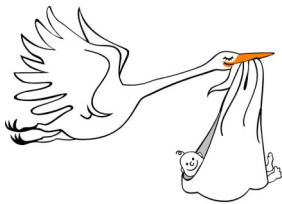
- **New Haven**– East Rock Park. July 4th, 2010 @ 9:00pm. Rain Date: Monday July 5th.
- **Hamden**– Towne Center Park Meadowbrook, 2761 Dixwell Avenue. July 2nd, 2010 @ 9:20pm. Bring lawn chairs & blankets!
- **New London**–Thames River Waterfront. July 10th, 2010 @ 9:20pm (I95N, Exit 83)

## PARTNRS Summer Raffle

On July 2nd, 2010, we will again hold a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to Walmart. If you participated in your first interview, you get one chance to win. If you participated in your second interview, you get **three** chances to win! If you have participated in all three interviews you get **seven** chances to win! Stay tuned...you could be the next winner!



### Top **Boys** & **Girls** Baby Names in the State of CT!



#### **BOYS**

- Michael
- Cameron
- Alexander
- Jeremiah
- Jayden

#### **GIRLS**

- Gabriella
- Jasmine
- Maya
- Charlotte
- Grace

In 2009, 256 parents named their baby boy Michael and 135 named their baby girl Gabriella in Connecticut! In the U.S. as a whole, the name Isabella replaced Emma as the most popular baby girl name and Jacob remains most popular baby boy name for the 11th year in a row!

What name will you choose for your baby?

## Let us know if you change your phone # or address

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