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*******MINUTES*******

Shining a Light on Postpartum Depression: The Role of Programs, Policy and Public Health.

10 to 20% of new mothers in the United States suffer from Postpartum Depression (PPD), one of a group of perinatal mood disorders which also includes postpartum anxiety, and in the most severe cases, postpartum psychosis. PPD includes a wide range of emotional, psychological, and physiological reactions to childbirth. The stamina of the new mother is challenged and her ability to function, care for, and bond with her new born child is impaired. How can New York City and State ensure that mothers and their families have access to resources and treatment for this debilitating and sometimes life threatening condition?