The Clark Parent & Child Network at Children's National Hospital

Build bridges. Nurture families. Empower communities.

To reduce racial health disparities for pregnant and postpartum women and young children in Washington, D.C., Children's National developed the **Clark Parent & Child Network**. It will bridge a gap between prenatal care and early childhood development:

- Creating greater access to mental health care by increasing community-based screenings and support for pregnant women, placing more mental health specialists alongside pediatricians and creating a mental health clinic for infants and toddlers
- Promoting positive home environments and building a safety net for at-risk children
- · Placing family advocates in vulnerable neighborhoods
- · Establishing a network of community partners

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