Join us as we embark on a fascinating journey of strength, courage, and resilience. In 2013, at age 23, Lesly Leiva learned that her unborn child was diagnosed with a life threatening oral tumor. With the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) fetal surgery unit being her only hope, Lesly packed up her life, moving from California to undergo an EXIT procedure at CHOP, in which surgeons operated on Lesly’s baby while still in her womb. “TWICE BORN Stories From the Special Delivery Unit” is an Emmy-winning documentary series for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) about the Center for Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment at CHOP. It is there that Lesly’s life was changed forever by the experience of giving birth to a child with special health care needs, an experience that ultimately inspired her to become a health care professional herself.

During this NJLEND Continuing Education session, Monica Lange, Producer/Director and Executive Producer, will present excerpts from her award-winning PBS mini-series featuring Lesly Leiva, as a special guest. Together they will reflect on Lesly’s emotional journey with her daughter Lilly, who is now five, and will discuss the different perspectives of being a caregiver versus being a provider.

Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Time: 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. Coffee and tea will be provided.
Location: Rutgers Continuing Education Center at Atrium
300 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873
Speakers: Monica Lange, Emmy Award-Winning Director of the PBS Documentary Series “TWICE BORN,” and Lesly Leiva, Parent and Health Care Professional
Continuing Education: Social Work and DDNA Continuing Education recognition is available
Registration: There is no charge for this program but space is limited and registration is required. Register online at: http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/student/NJLEND1.php
**Monica Lange**

Monica Lange is a television producer and filmmaker with 25 years of experience and multiple awards. She recently produced, directed, and executively produced the PBS mini-series “TWICE BORN,” which was the winner of the 2016 Emmy for Outstanding Science and Technology Programming, and the Jackson Hole Science Media Award.

From 2007 to 2013, Monica produced, directed, and wrote documentaries and reality mini-series for Discovery Communications. Her hour long documentary “Unlocking Autism,” which focuses on research into the causes of the disability, won The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences esteemed Academy Honors for “Television With a Conscience.” Monica’s Discovery credits include: “Autism x 6,” a special about a family with six children on the spectrum; a documentary about the realities of multiple births; a documentary about the psychological and physical consequences of the separation of conjoined twins; and a special about the life of a child with Prader Willi Syndrome. Her eight part series, “Sextuplets Take New York,” about the first Hispanic sextuplets in the US, was praised in The New York Times for its portrayal of the immigrant experience.

“TWICE BORN Stories From The Special Delivery Unit” can be found on Amazon Prime at: https://www.amazon.com/Twice-Born-Stories-Special-Delivery/dp/B00TZF2O7I and on the PBS website at: http://www.pbs.org/program/twice-born/

**Lesly Leiva**

Lesly Leiva is the mother of Lilly, a spunky little five year old girl, who was born via a life-saving “EXIT procedure” at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, in 2013. Together, Lesly and Lilly have overcome numerous health crises over the past five years. Facing Lilly’s challenges, while coordinating and providing her care, has inspired Lesly to embark on a personal journey into the health care field, and she is a recent graduate of Georgian Court University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Lesly feels blessed each and every day to be able to watch Lilly grow into a smart, wise, and determined little girl. Lesly’s future goals include furthering her education by obtaining her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, and continuing to reach out to other parents of children with similar health care needs, in order to encourage them to always have hope. Lilly remains an inspiration to her mother, and to all those who are fortunate enough to meet her.

Lesly and Lilly currently live in Lakehurst, New Jersey.
Directions and Parking

Rutgers Continuing Education Center at Atrium
300 Atrium Drive • Somerset, NJ 08873
732-412-7397

Directions

From Route 287 South:
• 287 South to exit 10
• Stay straight to go onto CR-527/Easton Avenue
• Turn left to take the CR-527 North ramp towards Davidson Avenue
• Turn left onto Davidson Avenue
• Turn left onto Atrium Drive

From Route 287 North:
• Take Route 287 to Exit 10
• Turn left onto Davidson Avenue
• Turn left onto Atrium Drive

From Route 78 East and West
• Take Route 78 East to exit 29
• Bear left to take the ramp for Route 287 South
• Follow above directions for Route 287 South

Parking and Accessibility Information

Please note that there are two entrances to the building. Accessible parking and ramp are located at the building’s rear entrance. The glass door at the rear entrance will give attendees the most direct access to the event space.
NJLEND Continuing Education

As part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, The Boggs Center offers this program for social work continuing education credit per NJAC 13:44G6.4.c(5). This program has been submitted to the Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association (DDNA) for continuing education program approval.

Certificates of Attendance from The Boggs Center will be available to all participants at the end of the program. “A Family Centered Care Journey: One Mother’s Evolution from Fetal Surgery, to Coordinating Care, to Becoming a Health Care Professional” is eligible for 2.5 hours of continuing education recognition.

Please see our website at http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter for Continuing Education approval information.