



HOLISTIC MOMS NETWORK

A Brief History:

In 2002, the Holistic Moms Network was born as a small, local support group in Essex County, New Jersey led by a few moms looking to connect with others interested in natural living and positive parenting. The very first meeting of the group was held in a local chiropractic office and about a dozen moms gathered in hopes of building a holistic community where they could share the challenges not only of parenting, but of seeking choices outside of the mainstream.

One of the original leaders of the Essex County group, Nancy Massotto, helped to head up the local chapter in its early months. Over the course of the next year, Nancy created a larger vision for the organization. As word of the local Holistic Moms group spread, parents began to travel to join in the monthly meetings and activities. Seeing a need for community and a desire to share her passion for holistic living, Nancy stepped forward to incorporate the Holistic Moms Network as a non-profit organization in October 2003. With the help of trusted friends and dedicated parents, the national organization was created and a wonderfully diverse group of moms formed its guiding Board and National Leadership Team. In the first year of operation, HMN evolved from a local group of New Jersey moms to an organization with more than 25 chapters in 14 states across the country. The subsequent growth of the organization continues at a remarkable pace, reflecting the renewed interest in holistic living across the country and beyond.

The purpose of the Holistic Moms Network is to generate national awareness, education, and support for holistic parenting and to provide a nurturing, open-minded, and respectful community for parents to share these ideals. The organization is also dedicated to working with moms to create local chapters in their communities that will provide them with a happy, healthy forum for their mothering styles and bring them together in an environment that respects and honors their lifestyle and parenting choices.