

Meet the Jungle Mamas!



Narcisa Mashienta



Robin Fink

Please join InnovateHealth Yale as it brings to Yale a very special evening. The Jungle Mamas work to eliminate all preventable deaths in pregnancy and childbirth of mothers and babies in the Ecuadorian Amazon, and to improve community health by empowering women and communities with the tools needed to be their own agents of change. Since 2006, the Jungle Mamas program has been working in collaboration with the Achuar Nation of Ecuador to develop a model of addressing maternal, infant, and community health in a way that is culturally appropriate, empowering, and sustainable.

Come hear **Narcisa Mashienta**, co-founder of the Jungle Mamas program, and a community leader from the Shuar Nationality of Ecuador. She will be making her first visit to New Haven. She will be joined by **Robin Fink**, director of Jungle Mamas.

The Jungle Mamas program is part of the Pachamama Alliance. With roots deep in the Amazon rainforest, its programs integrate indigenous wisdom with modern knowledge, all to empower indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest to preserve their lands and culture.

Jungle Mamas accomplishes its goals by:

- training local Maternal Health Promoters to educate and support Achuar women and families through pregnancy and childbirth
- providing all expecting Achuar mothers with Safe Birth Kits, containing everything a woman needs to have a safe birth in the rainforest
- collaborating with One Heart World-Wide to implement the Network of Safety model for ensuring safe births
- working with both Achuar men and women to solidify communities

When: Monday, December 7
5:00 PM-6:00PM

Where: School of Public Health, 60 College Street
Room 216

Register: <http://ihy-jungle-mamas.eventbrite.com>

Light dinner to be served; open time with speakers after talk