



Division Description

Since 2014, the city, under the leadership of then-City Council President and now Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, has invested time and resources to address and reduce the infant mortality rate in Franklin County through the collaborative effort called CelebrateOne. At its inception, CelebrateOne was administered by Columbus Public Health but in 2017, was transferred from Columbus Public Health to the Office of the Mayor in order to further prioritize the work of this initiative. In 2021, legislation was passed to establish the new Office of CelebrateOne to ensure future generations have the opportunity to thrive.

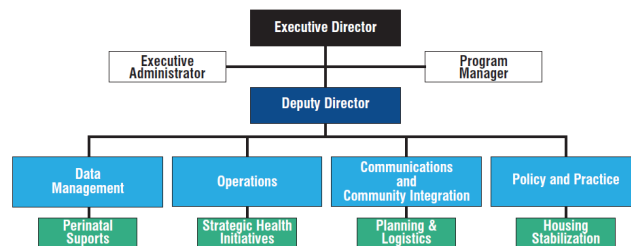
Division Mission

Every child in every Columbus neighborhood deserves the opportunity to thrive.

The Office of CelebrateOne is focused on eliminating preventable sleep-related deaths, reducing preterm births, and improving service delivery to those most impacted by health disparities in our community.

The Office of CelebrateOne works with other city departments and community partners to promote safe sleep practices, teen reproductive health education, and provide assistance to pregnant women living in highly unstable housing.

CelebrateOne



Budget Summary				
Fund	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed
General Fund	1,670,853	3,769,966	2,464,541	2,305,447
Department Total	\$ 1,670,853	\$ 3,769,966	\$ 2,464,541	\$ 2,305,447

2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SAFETY

Supply car seats to families in need and provide training on car seat installation to ensure safe transportation for infants and young children.

PROSPERITY

Provide early pregnancy detection through free pregnancy tests at Columbus Metropolitan Library locations, connecting individuals to prenatal care as early as possible.

2026 BUDGET NOTES

The Office of CelebrateOne's budget of \$2,305,447 supports 11 full-time employees and represents a critical contribution in strengthening the infrastructure that will support the community's efforts to ensure every baby, regardless of race or zip code, celebrates their first birthday. These funds will allow CelebrateOne and its partners to:

- Deepen work targeting the racial disparity gap in the infant mortality rate;
- Accelerate efforts to address the Social Determinants of Health; and
- Strengthen coordination between the health and social service systems.
- The 2026 budget includes funding for the YES (Youth Empowerment Skills) summer youth employment program with Planned Parenthood; as well as
- Funds to contract with Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (ROOTT) for Perinatal Support Doula care.

Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
Division	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed
CelebrateOne					
General Fund					
Personnel	\$ 1,302,470	\$ 1,461,813	\$ 1,615,972	\$ 1,673,581	\$ 1,674,277
Materials & Supplies	21,904	39,764	60,000	83,001	21,000
Services	326,479	1,766,389	272,569	277,022	220,170
Other	20,000	502,000	516,000	435,070	390,000
General Fund Subtotal	1,670,853	3,769,966	2,464,541	2,468,674	2,305,447
Department Total	\$ 1,670,853	\$ 3,769,966	\$ 2,464,541	\$ 2,468,674	\$ 2,305,447

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund	2023 Actual		2024 Actual		2025 Budget		2026 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
General Fund								
CelebrateOne	11	0	11	1	11	0	11	0
Total	11	0	11	1	11	0	11	0

Operating Budget by Program					
Program	2025 Budget		2025 FTEs	2026 Proposed	
CelebrateOne	\$	2,316,350	11	\$	2,156,752
Internal Services		8,191	0		8,695
Summer Youth Employment Programming		140,000	0		140,000
Department Total	\$	2,464,541	11	\$	2,305,447

2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

CELEBRATEONE

To address and respond to the unequal distribution and alarming rates of premature births and infant deaths in the Central Ohio area by: focusing efforts on the Social Determinants of Health; connecting the disconnected through community engagement and individual support; conducting research and developing policy solutions to target systemic barriers that impact infant mortality.

INTERNAL SERVICES

To account for the internal service charges of the department necessary to maintain operations.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND PROGRAMMING

To guide youth to achieve personal goals and prepare for career paths through empowerment, education, and employment opportunities.
