



Southside Families & Babies – February 2014

MONTHLY E-NEWS

The month of February is typically used to celebrate the people we love for Valentine's Day and the people who came before us for Black History month. But let us not forget that last year by the end of the month of February 15 babies in Franklin County died before their first birthday. That is 15 children who will never get to ask another classmate to be their Valentine, or will never get to contribute to society like Dr. King or Sojourner Truth. Every baby that dies is denied the right to reach his or her full potential.

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

— Author Unknown

DATA NEWS

When a community's infant mortality rate is high, many other indicators of health and social condition are also not ideal. For example, zip codes with high infant mortality rates typically also have populations with higher rates of obesity, smoking, and joblessness.

Life expectancy data for 2007-2011 for zip codes in Franklin County range from 64.0 to 84.1 years. The Franklin County average is 77.5 years. Of 42 zip codes with data, 43207 and 43206 have the 7th and 10th worst (lowest) life expectancies, at 71.4 and 74.1 years respectively.

References: US Census and Ohio Department of Vital Statistics Data Analyzed by Columbus Public Health, Office of Epidemiology

Recap of last meeting.

At our last meeting in November, the team discussed the rates of infant mortality on the South Side and compared the data to Franklin County, Ohio, and the United States. The perinatal periods of risk map below shows that the biggest contributor to infant mortality among South Side residents is issues and conditions related to the health of moms and prematurity.



Figure Reference: Fetal-Infant Mortality Rate (FIMR) - Fetal and infant deaths per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths

As we move forward, begin to think of some strategies that can reduce infant mortality on the South Side. Since most of our deaths among infants are due to issues with maternal health and prematurity, some possible strategies include birth spacing, education, teen pregnancy, etc.

LOCAL IM HEADLINES

- [Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force Examines Scope of Community Crisis](#) (www.gcinfantmortality.org)
- [Striking the Root](#) (Columbus Monthly)
- [Task force aims to reduce infant mortality rates](#) (ThisWeek Community News)

NEXT MEETING

Date: February 18, 2014
Place: Barack Recreation Center
 · 580 E Woodrow Ave,
 Columbus, OH 43207
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Phone: (614) 645-3610

Please RSVP to tnscales@columbus.gov

VIEW OUR TIMELINE

We have developed a timeline to keep you in the know about what we've done and what's happening next. Click timeline to enlarge.

LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Local

Babywill.org is a Central Ohio based 501(c)3 public charity founded by the friends and family of Michelle and Nathan Hurd following the death of baby Will in 2009.

State

Strongbabies Ohio is a program created by Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality with information about pregnancy, breastfeeding, infant care, fatherhood, resources for pregnant women and their families, and much more. Some information is specific for Ohio, but most is applicable for all women who are pregnant or families with infants. Read more [here](#).

National

The Healthy Baby/Healthy Child Program (HB/HC) is a community-based program designed to promote infant survival, positive birth outcomes, oral health, and family unity. The HB/HC program provides home visiting to pregnant and parenting families with a child under age of five who reside in Boston. Read more [here](#).

Caring for 2

Columbus Public Health Caring for 2 is one of 105 Federal Healthy Start Projects in the nation funded to implement community-driven services to address the rate of infant mortality, increase access to health care and eliminate disparity through outreach, case management and health education.

Caring for 2 interdisciplinary team of public health nurses, social workers and care coordinators provide in-home health education and social services including pregnancy tests, referrals and community education for pregnant and parenting women in three Columbus neighborhoods: Near East, Near South and South Linden (Zip Codes: 43201, 43203, 43205, 43206, 43207, 43209, 43211, 43215, and 43219).

Services address maternal medical and behavioral risks with a focus to improve poor birth outcomes and healthy behavioral.

Services are available at NO COST and referrals are received through our central intake 614-645-7068 or fax to 614-645-0865

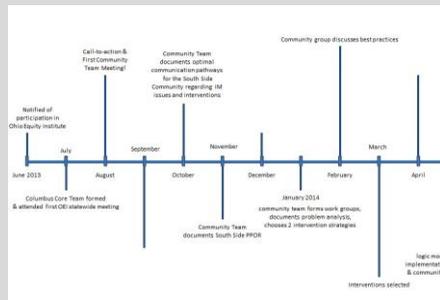
Columbus Public Health Car Seat Program

This program helps provide car seats and booster seats at a reduced cost to families in need.

To get a seat, families must participate in a one hour car seat class. The class teaches the safety features of the car seat and how to install it in a vehicle the right way so that it can protect the child the best. All seats are new.

Costs

- \$30 for infant car seat
- \$30 for convertible car seat



SAVE THE DATE

Project L.O.V.E. Wants to Keep Kids Healthy... Keep Kids Immunized!

Free Vaccines for Children at Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services Opportunity Centers

Where: 1721 Northland Park Ave
When: Every 1st and 4th Tuesday from 1pm-4pm

Where: 314 N. Wilson Road
When: Every 4th Tuesday from 1pm-4pm

Where: 1055 Mt. Vernon Ave
When: Every 2nd Tuesday from 10am-1pm

Clinic Details

- No appointment necessary
- All infant & child vaccines provided
- Must bring shot record
- Free Kroger gift card for parents who get their child updated.
- No cost. No child is turned away because of not being able to pay.
- Please bring insurance card if you have insurance

YOUR MONTHLY INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION ADVOCATE

Do you know someone or an organization that should be nominated to be the Monthly Infant Mortality Prevention Advocate? If so, send an email to tnscales@columbus.gov with a picture, contact information, and a brief explanation why!

- \$10 for booster seat

Classes are held at Columbus Public Health. To enroll in a class or for more information, please call 614-645-7748.

New This program is interested in offering a quarterly class in the community. If you are a community organization looking to hold a car seat class to provide low cost car seats to your families please call 614-645-7748.

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<http://www.publichealth.columbus.gov>

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