

NOVEMBER MONTHLY E-NEWS

SOUTH SIDE NETWORK FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES & BABIES

Building a Community Where All Babies Thrive

A FEW QUICK UPDATES...

The holiday season is fast approaching and there are a couple of key events focused on infant mortality you will want to be aware of and attend if your schedule permits.

Tackling Our Infant Mortality Crisis

Presented by the OSU School of Communication
How Do We Reduce Infant Deaths in Central Ohio?

November 13, 2014 | 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. (seating begins at 6:30 p.m.)
WOSU@COSI | 333 West Broad Street | Columbus, Ohio

PANELISTS:

Dr. Kelly Kelleher
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Columbus and Ohio have one of the worst rates of infant mortality in the country, and by comparison, the developed world. In Central Ohio, 3 families lose a baby **EVERY WEEK** – a death rate not seen in fifty years. Why are the most precious and vulnerable members of our community dying at such an alarming rates? Why are nearly 60% of these deaths disproportionately from racial and ethnic minority groups?



How can we end this blight on our community? Do we need more access to prenatal care for mothers? Improved health education and communication to families? Initiatives designed to address root social and economic factors driving these infant death trends?

Please join us for a public conversation on these topics and more with a panel of local and national health and risk experts, including members of the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Taskforce, on November 13th at the WOSU@COSI studios from 7pm to 8:30pm.

The panel will be moderated by Mandle Trimble of WOSU NPR News. The event is free and open to the general public with seating beginning at 6:30pm. Attendees will be able to participate in the panel discussion during the Q&A session. Free parking vouchers will be distributed at the event.

Please RSVP your attendance to science_forum@osu.edu by November 12th.



FIRST UPSTREAM COALITION MEETING

The first upstream coalition meeting is coming up. This coalition will work to link existing programs and services offered on the South Side as well as address barriers to care. If you or your organization are interested in making at least a one year commitment to serve on this new coalition you are cordially invited to attend.

Date: November 18, 2014

Place: Barack Recreation Center

580 E. Woodrow Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43207

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Phone: (614) 645-1478

Please RSVP to tnscales@columbus.gov by November 17th.

REGISTER FOR TURNING UP THE VOLUME ON INFANT MORTALITY!

Turning up the
Volume on
Infant Mortality
Step Up to Catch Up!

You are all officially invited to attend the 2014 Infant Mortality Summit taking place

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION NEED HELP?

The Ohio State University's College of Nursing is looking for internships for students in their Community Health Worker Certification program.

A community health worker (CHW) is a frontline public health worker who is a member of the community and assists in improving the quality and cultural

on December 4, 2014 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. You can view the complete agenda [Download the full agenda](#) for breakout session descriptions and other details.

The goal of this summit is to inform Ohio about infant death, one of Ohio's most serious public health challenges and introduce participants to the knowledge and skills that we can use, by working together with our current resources, to save the lives of more babies.

The summit is free but you **MUST** register to attend. Follow the link to register <https://www.osma.org/InfantMortalitySummit>.

competence of service delivery.

If your organization needs help getting information out to the community and is willing to supervise a community health worker, please contact me, Tiffani Scales at 614-645-1478 or tnscales@columbus.gov.

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