

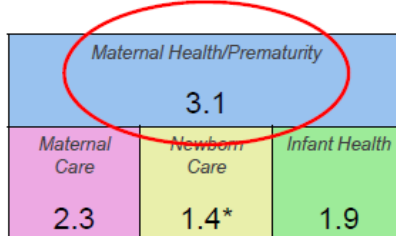
MONTHLY E-NEWS

SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE...

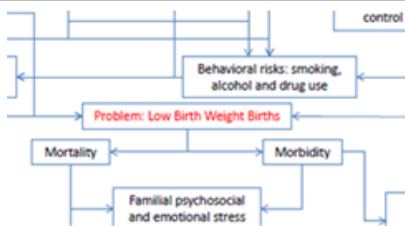
...And the South Side Network for Healthy Families & Babies is well on its way! We've covered so much in the past months; we thought it would be a good time to review all the progress we have made thus far. All presentations, agendas, meeting minutes, and data sheets are located at www.columbus.gov/SouthSide.

November 2013 We discussed the rates of infant mortality on the South Side and compared the data to Franklin County, Ohio, and the United States. We also introduced the Social Determinants of Health and the Lifecourse approach: the ideas that all of our experiences contribute to our health and particularly our birth outcomes.

February 2014 In February, we reviewed the Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) map. PPOR showed us that the biggest contributors to infant mortality among South Side residents are issues and conditions related to maternal health and prematurity. As a group it was decided to make the health of the mother/prematurity our focus.



March 2014 Because published data can only provide us with a piece of the picture, in March we created our own community problem map that showcased the contributing factors and consequences of infant mortality the way we see it in our neighborhoods.



April 2014 We took a "tour" of some model cities in April to find out what they were doing to curtail the infant deaths in their communities.



May 2014 In May, we narrowed down our focus to working with families for our upstream initiative and women of childbearing age for our downstream initiative.

June 2014 During our June meeting we spent the entire meeting deliberating over which interventions we would choose for our upstream and downstream initiatives. The group has decided that our interventions will be:

- Upstream: Families- Community Building/Civic Engagement & Parenting Education/Mentoring
- Downstream: Women of Childbearing Age- Perinatal Case Management

Please send an email to tnscales@columbus.gov with which intervention plan you want to help write.

July 2014 Of course, the work is not over yet! The agenda for the July meeting includes CityMatCH, the National Organization of Urban Maternal & Child Health Leaders. They will be our guest facilitators and will walk us through [Action Planning](#) which will be the foundation of our logic model. A template is located on www.columbus.gov/SouthSide.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND IM HEADLINES

- [Health officials spread word about sleep safety](#) (ThisWeek Community News)
- [State trying to curtail baby deaths](#) (The Columbus Dispatch)
- [Infant mortality bills moving along in General Assembly](#) (Journal-News)

NEXT MEETING

Date: July 15, 2014

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Place: Barack Recreation Center - 580 E Woodrow Ave, Columbus, OH 43207

Phone: (614) 645-3610

Please RSVP to tnscales@columbus.gov

