COHIO Webinar
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Rankings

- Every week 3 babies die in Franklin County before they reach their first birthday. This amounts to more than 150 babies per year.
- Columbus ranks 43rd out of the 50 largest U.S. cities.
- In Central Ohio, black babies die at a rate 3 times that of white babies (2017).

Intentional From the Start

- Launch of Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force led by then Columbus City Council President, Andrew J. Ginther.
- Multisector representation, including Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- Infant Mortality Task Force Report (June 2014) was released with 8 recommendations.
- CelebrateOne was created in November 2015 to carry out the task force recommendations.
- Report identified the need for a place-based focus to address equity and social determinants.
The Challenge: three infants die each week in Columbus.

This personal tragedy for families is also a disturbing statistic for Columbus that signals a significant gap in our safety net affecting the overall health, vitality and quality of life in our community.

CelebrateOne Goals

40% Reduction in Infant Mortality Rate by 2020

50% Decrease in Racial Disparity Between African American and White Babies by 2020

Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force Plan Overview

Eliminate Preventable Infant Sleep Related Deaths

Reduce the Number of Premature Births

Connect the Disconnected

#1: Improve social and economic conditions that drive disparities across our community and in highest risk neighborhoods

#2: Improve Women’s Health Before Pregnancy

#3: Improve Reproductive Health Planning

#4: Improve Prenatal Care Systems and Supports

#5: Ensure highest quality perinatal care

#6: Reduce Maternal and Household Smoking

#7: Promote Infant Safe Sleep

#8: Create accountability structure to support strategy implementation and goal attainment

RECOMMENDATIONS

KEY DRIVERS

OUTCOME

By 2020, decrease Franklin County infant mortality rate to 6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births

Reduce disparity gap between white and black infant mortality by 50%
Housing Provisions (passed 09-28-2016)

- Requires the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) to include reducing infant mortality as a priority housing need in its annual plan.
- Requires OHFA and the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) to include pregnancy as a priority in their housing assistance and local emergency shelter programs.
- Permits OHFA to establish a housing assistance pilot program for extremely low income households that include pregnant women or new mothers.
- Requires the Commission on Infant Mortality to work with the Ohio Housing and Homelessness Collaborative to develop a plan for a rental assistance housing program.

Leveraging Partnerships:
Healthy Beginnings at Home

GOAL: Improve maternal and infant health outcomes through the provision of housing stabilization services and rental assistance

- Modeled after CareHomes, a community based micro-pilot with CD4AP
- Partnership between Landlords, Managed Care Plan and Medical personnel, Dept. of Development
- Person-centered assessment with connections to community based services
- Assessment and resolution of housing related barriers; Housing selection and move-in support
Goals:

Healthy Beginnings at Home

- Normal birth weight
- Improved housing stability including the post subsidy period
- Decreased vulnerability
- Decreased health risks
- Increased frequency of ongoing prenatal care
- Prenatal and post partum care
- Improved timeliness of prenatal care
- Improved use of post partum care
- Rigorous Evaluation
- Publish Results. Add to evidence

Healthy Beginnings at Home

- Tenant orientation with pathway to tenant rights and financial capability and coordination with CMHA and landlord to ensure successful tenancy
- Regular home visits (one in-person visit per week in month one and up to 18 months)
- Care Coordination with Community Health Workers, CareSource Life Coaches, researchers and other community service providers
- Exit/transition planning services including support to secure income and employment for continued tenancy after rental subsidy ends

Healthy Beginnings at Home

SCOPE:
Identity 100 pregnant women who reside in Celebrate One hot spot neighborhoods

- 50 women will receive usual care — community based services
- 50 women will receive community based services, rental subsidy and housing stabilization services for up to a two year period to lay the groundwork for long term housing stability
Criteria for Selection

- Be 18 years old or older and in first or second trimester of pregnancy
- Household income at or below 30% AMI ($15,650 for 1, $17,850 for 2, $20,100 for 3)
- Experiencing housing instability or at risk of eviction or severe housing problem
- Resides in a Celebrate One zip code
- Enrolled in CareSource
- Consents to participate
- Willing to do credit and background checks
- No factors that impede rapid rehousing

Rental Subsidy

Tenant rent will be set at 30% of gross income and will be adjusted if income decreases during full subsidy period.

Locate available units

- 10 units provided by CMHA in Trevitt and Sawyer
- 40 from private owners
- Inspect units
- Rental assistance contract with CMHA

Referrals and Recruitment

StepOne
For a Healthy Pregnancy

Call 614-721-0009 or visit celebrateone.info/stepone
The Homeless Families Foundation

Mission Statement
The Homeless Families Foundation educates and nurtures children while empowering families to achieve stable housing and self-sufficiency.

The Homeless Families Foundation

What We Believe
The Homeless Families Foundation believes it is unacceptable for any child in to be homeless.

Not one child.
Not one night.
The Homeless Families Foundation

Goal
The Homeless Families Foundation’s goal is to end homelessness.
We can achieve this goal by stabilizing families, educating children and surrounding the most vulnerable among us with a caring community of support.

HFF Housing Stability Programming

Programs to Stabilize over 400 Family and Pregnant Women Households
• Rapid Re-Housing for Homeless Families
• Beyond Housing/Homeless Prevention
• Homeless Prevention for Expectant Mothers (HPEM)
• Healthy Beginnings at Home (HBAH)
• Dowd Education Center: 200 Children w/ STEAM Focused, Early Intervention, After-School, Summer Programming

HFF Culture of Housing
30 + Years - Housing and Housing Stability is center of our work
• Stable housing is the base from which all work begins
• Discussion and planning begins Day 1
HFF: Culture of Housing and Strength Based Values

• Committed to applying Evidence Based Practices

• Firm understanding of person centered care, personal challenges & systemic barriers associated with poverty and residential instability

• Strength based, flexible & optimistic housing & support services

• Displays a strong ethical sense & respect for the dignity and worth of all clients

• Effective at building alliances with other providers

• Values interdisciplinary teamwork

Healthy Beginnings at Home
Housing Stability to Reduce Infant Mortality Programming

• Collaboration with Celebrate One, Homeless Families Foundation, CareSource, Step One, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority & Nationwide Children’s Hospital

• Target Population: 50 Pregnant Women at-risk of becoming homeless

• Housing Subsidy & Housing Stability Services

• Healthcare Services for Mother & Baby

GOAL

HEALTHY BABY & MOTHER

Integrated Housing & Healthcare Services

• Program Enrollment: Referral, Research Program Randomization, Assessment, Housing Stability Plan Development (1-30 Days)

• Phase 1: Housing Tenancy & Stability Barrier Assessment, Landlord Advocacy/Outreach, Housing Placement & Move-In, Partner Engagement, Assessment & Service Linkages, Housing Subsidy, Housing Stability & Healthcare Services, (30-7 Months)

• Phase 2: On-going Housing Subsidy, Housing Stability & Healthcare Services, Housing Stability Plan Monitoring (8-15 Months)

• Phase 3: On-going Housing Subsidy, Housing Stability & Healthcare Services, Beginning of Step-down Subsidy and Transition to Aftercare, Housing Stability Plan Monitoring (16-21 Months)

• Aftercare Services: Housing Stability Plan Monitoring, Warm Hand-off to Community Supports, incl. Care Coord Network, Financial Asst., etc. (22-24 Months)
HFF Housing Stability Lead: Housing Specialists

- Primary function: Coordinate Housing Stability Services; guide family through all Phases of HBAH Program
- Develop & Monitor Housing Stability Plan with Family & Partner Input
- Serve as trusted advocate and ally within the community with particular attention on detail and timely follow-up
- Connect families with needed resources and community based services needed to maintain housing stability

HBAH & HFF: Housing First

Service model/philosophy that emphasized permanent, stable housing as the primary strategy to end homelessness

Connects those in housing crisis/homelessness with housing quickly without pre-conditions

All persons are “housing ready” with the correct supports

Housing First – Service Elements

- Financial assistance and support services are individualized to support each family/students unique situation
- Person-Centered: Participant self-determination for housing choice, location and housing stability goals
- Mandatory services and Program Compliance not a condition for housing placement on on-going tenancy
HBAH & HFF: Critical Time Intervention (CTI)

- Time Limited, evidenced based practice that mobilizes support for society’s most vulnerable individuals during periods of transition
- Facilitates community integration & continuity of care by ensuring persons have enduring ties to their community and support systems during these critical periods

Core Components
- Addresses a period of transition
- Time-limited, Focused, Phased approach
- Decreasing intensity over time
- Small caseloads, facilitated through case management services
- Community-based
- No early discharge
- Harm reduction approach
- Weekly team supervision
- Regular full caseload review

Critical Time Intervention

Core Values
- Strength Based
- Individualized
- Culturally Sensitive
- Transparent
- Trauma Informed

Program Coordination & Data Evaluation

- Weekly/Bi-weekly Case Management Team Meetings
- Weekly/Monthly Core Team Meetings
- HMIS for Data Collection
- Evaluation of Service Delivery and Program interventions
- Evaluation of Program Processes and Structure
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Questions