A Crisis Roaring: Infant Mortality in Ohio

AN ASSET BASED RESPONSE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL

BY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE

FIRST BIRTHDAY INITIATIVE

Supporting Families and Infant Vitality
First Birthday Parties
Because every child deserves a first birthday!

Health Partners Share Information

Alone Back Crib
Fun Activities!

Blessing Babies
Each of these babies is a beloved child of God!
May they be surrounded by families who love them and care for them in healthy homes.

All Stars Celebrating the First Birthday
Community Engagement Coordinator

Moms2B

Prenatal Care with Mt. Carmel Health Station
POLL QUESTION #1

- 10 rental properties
- 10 pregnant women in 2nd trimester
- $80,000 CareSource grant
- Subsidy of ½ monthly rent until child’s 1st birthday
- Moms2B
- CareSource Life Coaches
- QAP case management & connecting to resources
On-Going Family Engagement

**POLL QUESTION #2**

**Success**
- 10 babies born full term!
- 7 babies celebrated 1st birthdays, and others close behind!
- All babies are thriving!
- Pilot → CelebrateOne expansion!
Care Homes Video

Visible & Significant Success
- All babies born full term
- All babies thriving towards a first birthday

Meeting the primary object:
100% effective in achieving the health outcomes

Challenges
- Case management
- Most women required higher levels of personal support than anticipated
- Many women had no support networks
- Many overwhelmed and had difficulty performing basic functions
- Coping with pregnancy and parenting consumed attention & resilience
Challenges

- Limited progress toward self-sufficiency
- 3 families did not consistently pay ½ of rent which was grounds for eviction

Policy Decision: we paid all of the rent until the baby’s first birthday – no family forced to move for non-payment

Future Prospects for Success

- 3 families are financially stable
- 1 or more adults working
- Earning enough to pay rent, utilities & other essentials
- 4 families making progress toward self-sufficiency
- Moms attending school or job training programs
- Opportunities for full-time employment
- 3 families still struggle, do not have stable housing or clear path to self-sufficiency

POLL QUESTION #3
3 Salient Learnings

1) Stable housing for pregnant women DOES make a difference

“Stable, decent housing is a vaccine that should be prescribed for every low income family in America.” Megan Sandel, MD

2) Case Management is essential
   a. Families require high levels of personal support and guidance

3) Longer term rent subsidies will be beneficial

Success!

10 at risk pregnant women Multi-faceted intervention & stable homes
Thank You!