



Healthy Beginnings at Home (HBAH) is a collaborative effort to reduce infant mortality by providing housing assistance to unstably housed Ohioans. This initiative is building scientific evidence that shows stable housing improves birth outcomes for at-risk women and their families, reduces Medicaid spending, and addresses racial disparities.

CelebrateOne, an infant mortality prevention collaborative in Columbus, Ohio, led the initial pilot study of 100 families from 2018 to early 2021, and produced promising preliminary results.

Launched in 2022, HBAH 2.0 expands the original study's scale to provide housing intervention services for 300 women across four counties in Ohio in order to produce statistically viable data to show that housing interventions prevent infant mortality, reduce racial disparities, and constrain Medicaid spending.

HBAH is a public-private partnership leveraging federal, state, and local dollars in each community with the power of philanthropy.

MEDICAID SAVINGS

Average paid per claim for infants at the time of delivery for intervention group **\$4,175**

Average paid per claim for infants at the time of delivery for control group **\$21,521**

BIRTH OUTCOMES

Four fetal deaths
In the control group
NONE
in the housing
intervention group

40 out of 51 babies
in the intervention
group were born
full-term and at a
healthy birth weight
in comparison to
24 of 44 babies
in the usual
care group.

Babies in the housing
intervention group were
less likely to be admitted
to NICU and stayed just
**8 days rather
than 29 days**
for usual care NICU
admissions.

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Infants are the
most common
age accessing
homelessness
assistance in
Ohio.
An increase of
53% from
2012 to 2017.

