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**

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**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.

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

- 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.