



**Infant Mortality  
Summit 2016**  
*Aiming for Equity*



*Ohio Infant Mortality Summit  
December 5, 2016 & December 6, 2016  
Cleveland, OH*

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Dear 2016 Infant Mortality Summit Participants:

On behalf of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality and the Ohio Department of Health, welcome to the third biennial Ohio Infant Mortality Summit! This year's conference has drawn attendance from leading public, government, academic and health professionals from all over our great state. You are here today because you care. Thank you all for taking the time to join us as we address infant mortality throughout Ohio. We envision the day when every baby will be born healthy and thrive!

Many of you were at the 2014 Summit, which was a great success. Since the last Summit, The Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality has grown tremendously. We now have over 350 partners and new members are joining every week. Private businesses, hospitals, non-profit organizations, government and community-wide coalitions are working together to create change in our communities. The eye is on Ohio and the innovative work we are doing together. There is much for which we should be proud.

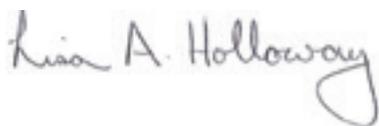
This year's Summit theme is Aiming for Equity. Sadly, Ohio ranks among the lowest in African-American infant death. White babies are three times more likely to reach their first birthday than African-American babies. While we are on the road to better health for Ohio's women and babies, we still rank 46th in the nation in ensuring that our babies are born healthy and stay that way. Ohio is desperately working towards achieving the Healthy People 2020 objective of an infant mortality rate of 6.0 per 1,000 live births, we are currently at 6.8.

We've made some heartening progress but we have a long way to go. In fact, our work has just begun. This year we must commit to bigger and better initiatives and stronger collaboration to improve the health and lives of the babies in our state. We've packed the next few days with rousing speeches, thought-provoking panels, and the chance to meet amazing people from all over the state who are fighting for women, babies and families in Ohio.

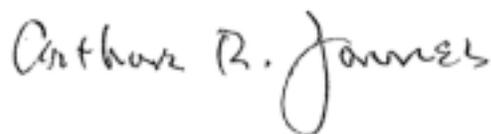


Thank you for being vital participants in Ohio's work for healthy women, healthy pregnancies, healthy babies, and health equity. Whether you are just starting to explore these issues or are already a seasoned expert, prepare to inspire and be inspired. Improving birth outcomes in our state starts with you.

Onward,



Lisa Amlung Holloway, Co-Chair  
State Director of Program Services  
and Government Affairs Center  
March of Dimes Ohio Chapter



Arthur R. James, MD, Co-Chair  
Associate Professor,  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical

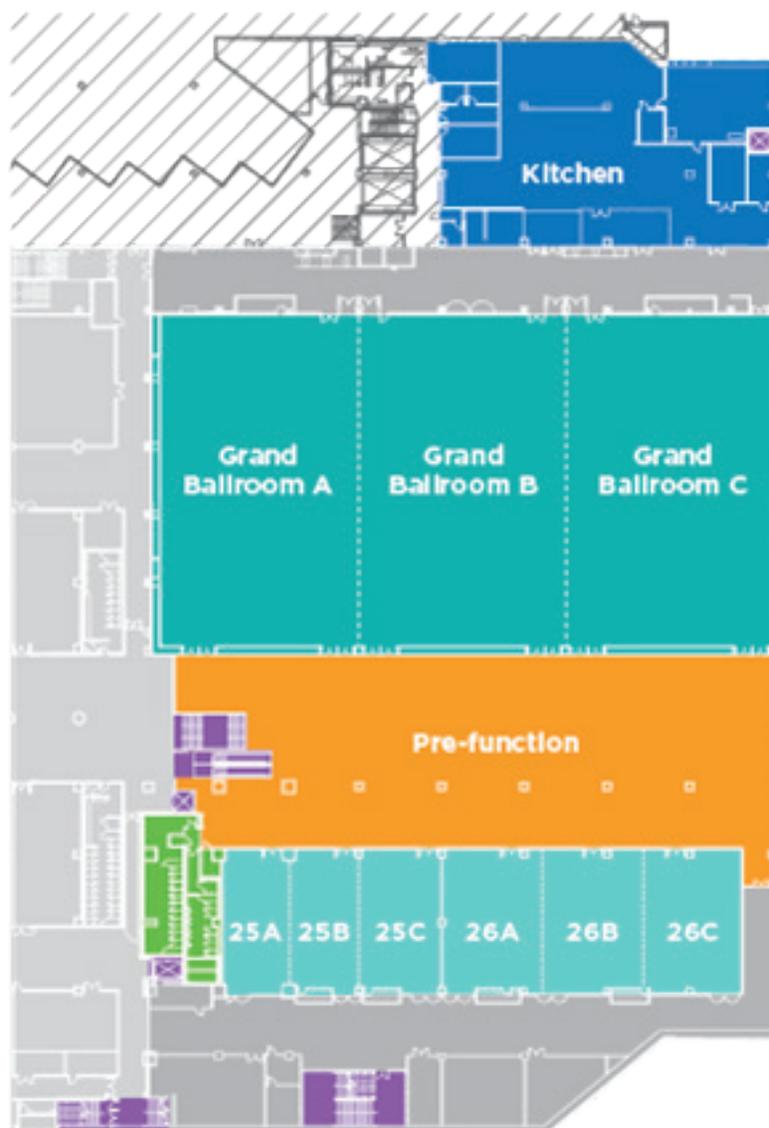


# Map of the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland









\*Family Restrooms are located throughout the venue and equipped for use as lactation rooms.



## Program at a Glance

### Monday, December 5, 2016

- 10:00-2:00      **Registration Open, Pre-Function/Registration Space**
- 1:00 – 5:30      **Exhibits and Posters Open, Pre-Function Space**
- 2:00 – 3:15      **Break Out Sessions, Rooms 1-26**
- 3:15 – 3:30      **Break**  
Please visit our posters and exhibits on display throughout the Pre-Function Space
- 3:30 – 3:45      **Welcome & Opening Remarks, Ballroom A, B, C**  
• *Arthur R. James, MD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The Ohio State University*
- 3:30 – 3:45      **Samantha & Ron Pierce Story**
- 3:45 – 4:45      **Grassroots Effort: A Local Cleveland Panel**  
*Alison Tomazic, Centering and Midwifery Program Manager, Neighborhood Family Practice; Christin Farmer, Executive Director, Birthing Beautiful Communities; Elle Heeg, MN, RN, Public Health Nurse, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Ron White, Master Coach/Facilitator, Boot Camp for New Dads*
- 4:45 – 5:30      **Employing the Health Equity Lens: From Metaphor to Measurement**  
*Deena Chisolm, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health, The Ohio State University and Director of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Population Health and Equity Research.*

### Tuesday, December 6, 2016

- 8:00 – 9:00      **Registration Open, Pre-Function Space**
- 8:00 – 5:00pm      **Exhibits and Posters Open, Pre-Function Space**
- 9:00 – 9:30      **Welcome, Grand Ballroom A, B, C**
- 9:30 – 9:45      **Aiming for Equity**  
*Arthur R. James, MD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The Ohio State University*
- 9:45 – 10:30      **Embracing Community through a Health Equity Lens**  
*Renee Canady, PhD, MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Public Health Institute*



- 10:30 – 11:00 **State Partnerships to Reduce Infant Mortality**  
*Mary S. Applegate, MD, Medical Director, Ohio Medicaid and Mary DiOrio, MD, Medical Director, Ohio Department of Health*
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Break**  
*Please visit our posters and exhibits on display throughout the Pre-Function Space*
- 11:15 -12:15 **Breakout Sessions, Rooms 1-26**
- 12:15 – 1:30 **Lunch – Exhibit Hall C**
- 12:30 -1:30 **Poster Sessions, Pre-Function Space**  
*Presenters will be at their posters to answer questions and discuss their work.*
- 1:30 – 1:45 **Cartier Jamier Summerville Family Story, Grand Ballroom A, B, C**
- 1:45 – 2:30 **The Impact of Responsible Fatherhood on Infant Mortality**  
*Kenneth Braswell, Founder and Executive Director of Fathers Incorporated*
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Break**  
*Please visit our posters and exhibits on display throughout the Pre-Function Space*
- 2:45– 3:45 **Breakout Sessions, Rooms 1-26**
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Break**  
*Please visit our posters and exhibits on display throughout the Pre-Function Space*
- 4:00 – 4:45 **Building a Collective Impact Culture**  
*Paul Schmitz, Senior Advisor, Collective Impact Forum*
- 4:45 – 5:00 **Heading Home – Call to Action**  
*Magda Peck, SD, SM, PA, Founder/Principal, MP3 Health Group*



## Conference Hosts



### **Lisa Amlung Holloway, MBA**

Lisa Amlung Holloway has been with the March of Dimes since 1998. Initially hired as a temporary employee to fundraise for WalkAmerica, Lisa was promoted shortly thereafter as the Director of Program Services for the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Division. In 2010, she became the Director of Program Services and Government Affairs for the Ohio Chapter of the March of Dimes. In her role, Lisa oversees all program and public-affairs activities of the chapter including grants, professional education, the NICU Family Support Program, defining advocacy priorities and strategies, and represents the March of Dimes on many local, regional and statewide initiatives, including the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality. She co-chairs with Dr. Arthur James, the Ohio Partners for the Prevention of Birth Defects, Hamilton County FIMR (Fetal and Infant Mortality Review) and Perinatal Community Action Team, OPQC (Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative) Executive Steering Committee and the Ohio Equity Institute. Lisa has a BS in Nuclear Medicine Technology from the University of Cincinnati and an MBA from Xavier University. She has three sons – Ryan, 13, Lucas, 10 and Adam, 7.



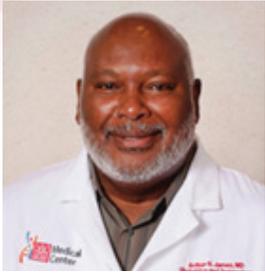
### **Magda Peck, SD, SM, PA, Founder/Principal, MP3 Health Group**

Magda Peck is a dynamic educator, interdisciplinary scientist, and persistent advocate for health, equity and vitality. Her proven leadership braids the best of practice and academe to champion healthier and more just communities. As Principal Consultant of the new MP3 Health Group, She offers skilled facilitation for strategic collaboration across sectors and silos, leadership development, and design solutions for transformational systems change. Her practice portfolio includes: primary care as one of the nation's first Physician's Assistants with the National Health Service Corps in community and migrant health centers in California and Texas; directing Parent and Child Health Services at Boston Health and Hospitals; and founding CityMatCH, the national public health organization dedicated to advancing leadership, innovation and health equity for women, children and families in America's cities ([www.citymatch.org](http://www.citymatch.org)). As CityMatCH CEO, she co-created the Urban MCH Leadership Conferences, Data Use Institutes, and Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) Approach; served on CDC's first Select Panel on Preconception Health and Health Care; was an initial co-lead of the National Preconception Health and Health Care Initiative; and was a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Clinical Preventive Services for Women, whose recommendations became national policy in 2012, as part of the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Peck's academic portfolio at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (1990-2012) includes serving as founding Section Chief on Child Health Policy and Associate Chair of Pediatrics for Community Health; founding MPH Program Director; College of Public Health Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Public Health Practice; and founding Director of the Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute. Dr. Peck also served as Founding Dean of the Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health at the University of Wisconsin (2012-2015).

Dr. Peck holds Masters (ScM 1983) and Doctoral (ScD 1986) degrees in science from the Harvard University (Chan) School of Public Health, in maternal and child health and social policy. Major recognitions include: Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) National Excellence in Public Health Award (2014), for significant contributions to and outstanding leadership in public health; Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) John MacQueen Lecture and Award, for MCH innovation (2009); National MCH Epidemiology Award for National Excellence (2004), and APHA's MCH Section Young Professional Award (1990). In 2015, she was named a Woman of Influence (Public Policy) by the Milwaukee Business Journal.





**Arthur James, M.D., Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, The Ohio State University**

Dr. Arthur R. James was educated at Stanford (B.A. 1974) and Washington University in St. Louis (M.D. 1978). He completed residency training in pediatrics at Columbus Children's and the University of Texas-Houston, and in obstetrics and gynecology, also at UT-Houston. He met his wife, Dr. Janice James, while he was a resident at Children's and she was a medical student at Ohio State. They moved from Houston to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1988 and established practices in obstetrics & gynecology and pediatrics at Bronson Methodist Hospital. While at Bronson, Dr. James expanded prenatal care services for underserved women, teens, and women with pregnancies complicated by HIV and substance abuse. He later moved to Borgess Medical Center where he established and led the Women's Health Center,

again expanding services. Between 1992 and 1999, Dr. James led a community-wide effort in Kalamazoo County that reduced black infant mortality from 29.7 to 10.2 deaths per 1,000 black births, thereby helping Kalamazoo, Michigan become only one of a few counties in the United States to accomplish the Healthy People 2000 goal of 11 deaths per 1,000 live black births.

In July 2011, Dr. James moved to Ohio to join the faculty of The Ohio State University and Nationwide Children's Hospital and serve as co-director of the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes, co-chair of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality, and senior policy advisor in the Bureau of Child and Family Services of the Ohio Department of Health.

## Plenary Speakers



**Deena Chisolm, PhD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health, The Ohio State University and Director of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Population Health and Equity Research**

Dr. Deena Chisolm is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at The Ohio State University and Director of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Population Health and Equity Research. Her research focuses on improving health and healthcare for children with over 50 peer-reviewed papers on pediatric health services, outcomes, and disparities. A core research interest is the role of literacy and health literacy in engaging racial/ethnic minority youths and their parents in health management and decision making. She also studies factors associated with risk behavior development in racial and sexual minority adolescents. Her research is funded by agencies including the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Dr.

Chisolm currently serves as Board Member for the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and a member of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education. She earned her B.S. in Biological Science Education from Miami University and her M.S. in Preventive Medicine and Doctorate in Public Health from The Ohio State University.



**Renee Canady, PhD, MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Public Health Institute**

Renée Branch Canady, PhD, MPA, serves as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). In this position she is responsible for setting the strategic direction for MPHI as they strive to maximize positive health conditions in populations and communities through collaboration, scientific inquiry, and applied expertise. Dr. Canady comes to MPHI from the Ingham County Health Department, the state's first public entity local health department and federally qualified health center, where she served as the appointed Health Officer, overseeing the execution of the Department's statutory responsibility to protect and promote the health of county residents. Previously, she served as the Department's Deputy Health Officer for public health services. Dr. Canady is recognized nationally as a thought leader in health disparities and inequities, cultural competence, and social justice. Dr. Canady earned her PhD in Medical Sociology from Michigan State

University, a master's degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Mary S. Applegate, MD, Medical Director, Ohio Medicaid**

An honors graduate of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Dr. Mary Applegate is double-boarded in Pediatrics and Internal medicine. After over twenty years of experience in rural private practice, Dr. Applegate serves as the Medical Director of Ohio Medicaid. She is responsible for infusing high quality in clinical medicine into the program, driving improvements in health outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries. Dr. Applegate leads several quality improvement initiatives across multiple agencies and disciplines particularly in the fields of perinatal health, physical and mental health integration, and the appropriate utilization of high risk drugs such as atypical antipsychotics and opiates. She spearheads the perinatal workgroup for the Medicaid Medical Directors Network and co-chairs the CMS expert panel to improve maternal and infant outcomes. Other interests include home and hospice care, patient empowerment, and health system

transformation.



**Mary DiOrio, MD, Medical Director, Ohio Department of Health**

Dr. DiOrio is the Ohio Department of Health’s lead scientist and oversees medical issues with the goal of developing and implementing public health policies that improve Ohioans’ health, help prevent the spread of infectious disease in Ohio, and respond to public health crises.

Dr. DiOrio is a 15-year veteran of ODH and most recently served as state epidemiologist, where she helped oversee the state’s response to the Ebola incident in Northeast Ohio. She is board certified in preventive medicine and has multiple Incident Command System certifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Incident Management System. She is author and editor of numerous manuals, publications, and educational materials on topics such as infectious disease control,

immunizations, and general health advice. She was part of the Ohio Bordetella holmseii Investigation Team that, in 2012, received a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Commendation for Outstanding Performance in Investigating and Identifying a New Illness.



**Kenneth Braswell, Founder and Executive Director of Fathers Incorporated**

Kenneth Braswell is the founder and Executive Director of Fathers Incorporated, and works collaboratively with organizations around the country to identify and advocate for social and legislative changes. From employment and incarceration issues, child support and domestic violence, Braswell has worked tirelessly to address long-standing problems; to achieve long-term results for children, their families, their communities, and nation in which they live. Under the leadership of Mr. Braswell, Fathers Incorporated currently serves as the prime contractor for the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, providing technical assistance to President Obama’s Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative.

With national and international missions, the agency has provided capacity building services to thousands of organizations, working to ensure that fathers contribute to the healthy well-being of their children.

Braswell is the author of several books and two powerful documentaries.

Braswell has been featured in Essence Magazine, The Crisis, CNN, The New York Times, The Washington Times, The Root, The Huffington Post and numerous other media outlets. He has appeared as a guest on the Tavis Smiley television show, and hosts his own show, “Dad’s Eye View”. He also has an active blog entitled, “Dad’s Pad”. Kenneth has had numerous awards bestowed upon him, including recently receiving the prestigious Ebony MANifest Honors Award, and the inaugural Black and Married with Kids Standards Award. Braswell serves as a board member of several organizations, which currently include the National Black Child Development Institute – Albany Chapter. Previously, he served on both the Albany NAACP and Capital District YMCA boards, and held the position of vice-president for the Urban League of Northeastern New York. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and currently resides in Atlanta. He is a proud father of five beautiful children, an uncle, grandfather, and husband to his lovely wife, Tracy.



**Paul Schmitz, Senior Advisor, Collective Impact Forum**

Paul is the first Innovation Fellow in Residence at Georgetown University's Beeck Center for Social Innovation and Impact. Paul is the author of *Everyone Leads: Building Leadership from the Community Up* (Jossey Bass, 2011), and the former CEO of Public Allies where he spent 21 years helping more than 5,600 diverse young leaders turn their passions to make a difference into careers working for community and social change.

Paul writes and speaks frequently on leadership, diversity, civic participation, social innovation, collective impact, and community building. He is a faculty member of The Asset-Based Community Development Institute, a board member of Independent Sector and The United Way of Greater Milwaukee, and the former co-chair of Voices for National Service. Paul co-chaired the 2008 Obama Presidential campaign's Civic Engagement Policy Group, was a member of The Obama-Biden Transition Team, and was appointed by President Obama to The White House Council on Community Solutions.

Paul is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he received their Graduate of the Last Decade Alumni award. He has been recognized by The Rockefeller Foundation as a Next Generation Leadership Fellow, by the Nonprofit Times as one of the 50 most powerful and influential nonprofit leaders in America, and by Fast Company Magazine with their Social Capitalist Award for innovation. He lives in Milwaukee with his partner and five children.



## Infant Mortality Summit Tracks

*The breakouts, posters, and exhibits have been organized into the following six tracks. Please look for the below symbols to find areas of interest to you.*



Improving Health Equity, Social Determinants of Health and Eliminating Racism



Promoting Optimal Women's Health Before, During, and After Pregnancy



Preventing Prematurity/Preterm Births



Preventing Birth Defects



Promoting Optimal Infant Health



Reducing Smoking Before, During, and After Pregnancy



Promoting Fatherhood Involvement in Maternal and Child Health

### Breakout Sessions

*All breakout sessions will be in meeting rooms highlighted in green in the Convention Center Map on pages 5-8. All breakouts are first come first serve and will be closed by the moderator when/if the room reaches capacity. Thank you for your cooperation*



Monday December 5, 2016 2:00pm – 3:45 Breakout Sessions



## Having a Baby Ain't Like it used to be. Important Information for Expectant Families and Community Members

Room 14 @ 2:00 PM

*Jennifer Foster, BSN, RN, IBCLC; Laura Knisley RD, LD, RNC-OB, cMNN, IBCLC, CDE Registered*

This session will provide educational resources to healthcare providers and community members on how to create an environment that is conducive to breastfeeding and how to address negative comments and treatment regarding public breastfeeding. The goal of the presentation is not just to show the toolkit, but to give attendees/coalitions an idea of how to prepare for such events, and what they can learn from our experience.



## New Beginnings for New Fathers

Room 15 @ 2:00 PM

*Elena Martinez, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, Judy Strayer, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services; Darryl Grayson, Fatherhood Director of Urban Light Ministries; Ashiko Hudson, Project Manager at Action for Children; Dr. Brian Moore, founder and CEO of Passages, Calvin Williams*

This session will highlight the New Beginnings for New Fathers (NBNF) program which was one of thirty-nine programs nationwide to be awarded a \$10 million grant under the federal Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood initiative. NBNF is designed to help fathers strengthen their relationships, improve long-term economic stability for vulnerable families, and overcome barriers that prohibit fathers from being effective and nurturing parents.



## Who's Asking the Women? Using Digital Storytelling to Include African American Women at the Table in a Community Based Participatory Research Project

Room 18 @ 2:00 PM

*M. Cameron Hay, PhD, Miami University Jennifer Bailer, RN, MS, APHN-BC, Butler Co. Health Dept., Co-Lead Butler County Partnership to Reduce Infant Mortality, Toni K. King, CNM, WHNP-BC, Butler County Partnership to Reduce Infant Mortality*

Partnering with African American parents, primarily women, in Butler County, Ohio, we used photography and narrative stories to enable women to speak for themselves to the complexities of infant mortality. The resulting digital stories center the conversation on families and experiences. These digital stories are dually important. They are informative for helping professionals and policy makers better understand the lived realities of people in certain epidemiological categories. Equally, these digital stories provide a mechanism so that the people that are targeted by infant mortality intervention strategies have a voice, and a place at the table, participating in the processes that matter to them and their communities.

## Our Babies Count: Supporting Healthy Pregnancies to Prevent Premature Births

Room 19 @ 2:00 PM

*Jeanna Packard, Our Babies Count*



Our Babies Count is Ohio's public awareness campaign working to raise awareness of our infant mortality challenge. Our Babies Count is a grassroots education movement working to inform all Ohioans about the issue and to provide simple ways people can help. The campaign also supports the many local programs working around the state to lower infant mortality rates.



## Boot Camp for New Dads. One Saturday a Month, about to be Dads and New Dads Spend Three Hours Learning All Things Baby From The Best Teachers Out There

Room 16 @ 2:00 PM

*Sandi Hoch, Metro Healthcare System; Steve Killpack, MS*

Boot Camp For New Dads (BCND) is a unique father-to-father, community-based workshop that inspires and equips men of different economic levels, ages and cultures to become confidently engaged with their infants, support their mates and personally navigate their transformation into dads. This program is designed to be delivered in healthcare facilities and also addresses the ways fathers can help keep their babies healthy and safe.



## Infant Mortality 101

Room 20 @ 2:00 PM

*Marie A. Jones; Richard Stacklin; Arthur James, MD, Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Richard Stacklin*

Attendees of Infant Mortality 101 will receive an overview of the larger issue concerning infant mortality.

Attendees will be provided with the definition of infant mortality, the three major causes of infant mortality, why infant mortality is important, the role red lining & history have played in creating despairing birth outcomes, and what we are currently doing locally and across the state of Ohio to improve the infant mortality rate.

## Tuesday, December 6, 2016 11:15 – 12:15 Breakout Sessions



## Centering Pregnancy: an Interactive Experience in Prenatal Care

Room 26B @ 11:15 AM

*Alison Tomazic, Manager of Patient Advocacy and Centering; Julie Kellon, Certified Nurse Midwife, Neighborhood Family Practice; Susan Hudson, MSN, CNM*

This break out session will be an interactive experience in which people will participate in a group discussion to learn about Centering Pregnancy. The basic set up, design, and ground rules will be presented along with a fun activity for participants.



## Centering Pregnancy With Adolescents

Room 22 @ 11:15 AM

*Lucia Jenkusky, CNM, MS; Shonna S. Bates, WHNP, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Teen and Pregnant Program; Jamie Topolosky, Centering Coordinator, Nationwide Children's Hospital*

This session will outline the Centering Pregnancy Model, including the goals, main components, essential elements, and basic outline of the curriculum. We will discuss how Centering has shown improved birth outcomes over traditional prenatal care. Additionally we will discuss how we have successfully implemented this model in our Teen and Pregnant program.



## Expanding the Group Care Model in Underserved Populations: The Community Connection

Room 21 @ 11:15 AM

*Debora M. Dole, PhD, DNM; Jen Boyers, BSN, RN, Centering Program Coordinator; Kisha Green, BSN, RN, Centering Facilitator and Case Manager; Robin Centner, MSN, CNM, Certified Nurse Midwife and Centering Facilitator; April Schachleiter, MA, Medical Assistant dedicated to Centering Program; Latrese Green, CHW, Community Healthcare Worker*

Minority women disproportionately bear the burden of social isolation, raising children in poverty, lack of mental health resources,



obesity and barriers to accessing community resources. These issues have been identified as major concerns for childbearing women being served by our urban medical center outpatient clinic. This session provides an overview of the CenteringPregnancy® model of care and how it is being expanded to reach underserved populations in an effort to reduce health disparities and infant mortality.



## Creating a Hospital Based Maternal/Infant Mortality Task Force

Room 20 @ 11:15 AM

*Mistie Winkfield Hughes, CNM, IBCLC, MSN; Erin Frank, MD, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital; Katherine Griswold, MD, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital; Gretchen Mettler CNM, PhD, FACNM; Tenisha Gaines; Amy Schmidt; David Hackney MD, MS*

This session will explain the process for creating an organized infant mortality task force – from an inventory of all hospital and community wide efforts and the development of a key drivers diagram to formation of a committee and selection of the priority areas of focus. Specific details will be shared on targeted interventions, including Progesterone, Centering Pregnancy, post placental LARCs, and infant safe sleep efforts.



## University Partnerships to Improve Maternal and Infant Health

Room 19 @ 11:15 AM

*Daniel J. Weston II, M.S, MBA, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center*

The Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC) is a public university-based center for applied health policy research and technical assistance. Maternal and Child Health is a critical area of GRC public health and research. GRC is actively engaged in quantitative and qualitative research and developing innovative tools to provide actionable information to improve maternal and infant health. This session highlights GRC's research partnerships with healthcare, state, and academic leaders to promote quality health system transformation for Ohio's women and children.



## Identifying and Removing Social Barriers to Care: A Multi-Sector Approach to Reducing Infant Mortality Rates in Lucas County

Room 16 @ 11:15 AM

*Carly Salamone, MPH, Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio; Dr. Kent Bishop, MD, ProMedica; Jan Schwarzkopf, MSN, RNC-OB, Paramount Advantage*

This session will highlight the Getting to 1 Assessment and Referral project launched across the Toledo Metropolitan Area. The goal of this project is to identify patients at greatest risk for a poor birth outcome and infant death. Utilizing the Pregnancy Lifestyle Assessment, physicians across 3 major health systems screen ALL pregnant patients to identify specific, social risk factors that would cause women to have a poor birth outcome or an infant to die in their first year of life. Once identified, the patient is referred by the provider to the Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB and connected to care coordination services to remove the identified barriers to care.



## Comparing Infant Safe Sleep Practices between Birthing and Children's Hospitals in Ohio

Room 15 @ 11:15 AM

*Jamie Macklin, MD, FAAP of Nationwide Children's Hospital; Hayley Southworth, MS, Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics; Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center*

This session will highlight the results of a safe sleep study that compared infant safe sleep practices in birthing hospitals to free-standing children's hospitals in order to determine where to concentrate safe sleep education and quality improvement efforts.

This study demonstrated that infants in participating birthing centers were more commonly observed in appropriate sleep environments than were infants in participating children's hospitals.



## Voices within a Fetal Infant Mortality Review Program

Room 24 @ 11:15 AM

*Lorrie Considine, RN, Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Erin Dodds, LPC, Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Kitty Russ RNC, MSN, MSHA*

This presentation will provide an overview of implementing a Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Program in Cuyahoga County. There will be a discussion of the benefits and goals of the program to address infant mortality. The presenters will share local data, lessons learned, and recommendations for agency and community action.



## Prematurity is Killing too Many of Ohio's Babies - March of Dimes Roadmap to Reducing Preterm Birth

Room 14 @ 11:15 AM

*Lauren Henderson MPH, RDN, LD, March of Dimes*

During this session, you will find out how The March of Dimes is committed to decreasing preterm birth in Ohio. You will have an opportunity to learn about The March of Dimes' priority areas for Ohio and what evidence based models are being followed to achieve its goals. Find out how you can be part of the solution to help reduce preterm birth in Ohio and give babies a fighting chance to make it to their first birthday.



## Community Health Workers Training Programs: Part of the Solution to Achieving Equity

Room 13 @ 11:15 AM

*Michelle Y. Smith-Wojnowski, C-CHW; Vivian Jackson Anderson, MA, SLP*

This breakout session provides an opportunity for healthcare and service providers to interact with a panel of Certified Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Approved Community Health Workers Training Programs Administrators. The panelists will provide comprehensive, program-specific information and discuss the merits and challenges of their programs.



## Overview and Benefits of the Early Head Start Program

Room 12 @ 11:15 AM

*Aysha Willburn, MS, MPH, The Centers For Families and Children; Tonya Thompson, BS, CEIM; Elizabeth Rini, BA, CEIM*

This session will review the early head start program and how home visitors use community and internal program resources to focus on school readiness and developmental skills for pregnant moms and children ages 0-3. The discussion will also include how our program provides comprehensive services to families to mitigate medical and environmental impacts of infant mortality and high risk environments.



## Ohio's Secret Weapon to Decreasing Infant Mortality in Large Urban Areas - Healthy Start

Room 11 @ 11:15AM

*Gina McFarlane-El, MBA, MPH, Healthy Starts of Ohio; Debra Hall, MSA, DTR, Columbus Public Health; Lindsey Cencula,*



*Cradle Cincinnati; April Snelling, MPH, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department; Lisa Matthews, MBA, Cleveland Department of Public Health*

Healthy Start focuses on reaching at-risk pregnant women and providing access to prenatal care, counseling, education, coaching, and encouragement. Within Ohio, we have 5 of these unique programs that: Improve Women's Health, Promote Quality Services; Strengthen Family Resilience, Achieve Collective Impact, and Increase Accountability through Quality Improvement, Performance Monitoring, and Evaluation. Each urban site achieves these outcomes in their own unique manner that is appropriate to their community. Come learn how your clients could benefit from Ohio's Secret Weapon to Decrease Infant Mortality in Large Urban Areas – Healthy Start.



## **Mourning Mothers: An Exploration of Grief Support in Cases of Infant Death, Miscarriage, and Infertility**

**Room 18 @ 11:15 AM**

*Stacy Scott PhD, In Black Print, Inc.*

Women of color experience disproportionate rates of infant loss, miscarriage, and infertility. Issues such as fibroids, stress, racism, and lack of nutrition are some of the contributing variables to these multifaceted problems. This breakout session provides an overview of the lack of resources for women of color related to grief and trauma support. We will present primary and secondary research in framing a model for addressing this gap in support services for urban and rural communities.



## **How Breastfeeding Protects Infants during the First Year of Life**

**Room 10 @ 11:15 AM**

*Tara Williams, MD, Cleveland Clinic, Department of pediatrics; Linda Smith, MPH, IBCLC, Boonshoft School of Medicine Wright State University; Colegate Bell, RN, MSN, IBCLC.*

Ohio First Steps supports hospitals in implementing evidence-based practices and increasing initiation of breastfeeding. Ohio has among the highest rates of Lactation Consultants, WIC peers, La Leche Leaders and other breastfeeding-care providers per birth. Emerging coalitions are engaging entire communities around breastfeeding families. Nearly everyone wins with this increasing support for breastfeeding. Come learn how you can become an advocate for breastfeeding!



## **Kangaroo Care's Role in Reducing Infant Mortality**

**Room 9 @ 11:15 AM**

*Susan M. Ludington, PhD, F-CNM, FAAN, C-KC, Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University*

When newborn death has been imminent and unavoidable, five case studies of placing dying newborns in Kangaroo Care (also called skin-to-skin chest-to-chest contact with the mother) resulted in reversal of dying and positive short and long-term outcomes for the newborn. This breakout session provides a review of the cases, including video evidence and lessons learned from the suggestive cases. The presentation concludes with a summary of the evidence and clinical guidelines for supporting Kangaroo Care's role in reducing infant mortality.



## **Is it Safe for the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Baby to Breastfeed? Understanding the Pharmacokinetics of Drugs in Breast Milk**

**Room 7 @ 11:15 AM**

*Gail A. Bagwell, DNP, APRN, CNS, Nationwide Children's Hospital*

Breastfeeding is considered safe for women in substance abuse treatment programs. Despite recommendations from professional medical organizations, breast-feeding rates in this population remain low due to lack of clear, consistent breastfeeding guidelines for mothers, inconsistent advice and inadequate support from healthcare providers. This breakout session will discuss the incidence of neonatal abstinence syndrome in the United States, the pharmacokinetics of medications in

breast milk and recommendations for counseling breastfeeding mothers about drugs in breast milk.



## The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative's Approach to Improving Care for Infants and Families with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Room 6 @ 11:15 AM

*Michele Walsh, MD, MSE, Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative; Susan Ford, MSN, RN, Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative*

With expert guidance from Ohio's perinatal providers, OPQC uses improvement science to engage teams to learn from one another and make improvements in specific topic areas. This session will provide an overview of The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC)'s project on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). The aim of the OPQC NAS Project is to increase identification of and compassionate withdrawal treatment for full-term infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).



## Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment for Pregnant Women

Room 5 @ 11:15 AM

*Lindsey Riemann, Ohio SBIRT, Ohio Department of and Addiction Services; Ellen Augspurger, MAT, Ohio SBIRT*

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), is an evidence based public health approach for the identification, intervention, referral/treatment of pregnant women who are at risk for depression or substance use problems. SBIRT is a process change initiative that uses validated screening tools, the evidence base practice of motivational interviewing and a structured intervention to support the health of women and their babies before, during, and after pregnancy.



## Importance of Infant Mental Health in Reducing Disparity and Supporting Health Outcomes

Room 4 @ 11:15 AM

*Valerie Alloy, Ph.D, Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services*

This session will focus on the "Importance of Infant Mental Health in Reducing Disparity and Supporting Health Outcomes" through an interactive presentation of leading research, best practice techniques and implementation strategies to support family success, in creating wellness for newborns and infants during their first year of life.



## Ohio Smoke Free Families

Room 8 @ 11:15 AM

*Dushka Crane, PhD, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center; Heather Frey, MD, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center; Allison Lorenz, MPA, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center; Meredith Cameron, MSW, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center*

This session will outline Ohio Department of Health's partnership with the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center to design and implement a quality improvement (QI) project seeking to reduce the prevalence of smoking during pregnancy.



## Use of Reproductive Life Plans and Systematic Inquiry about Pregnancy Intent to Promote Optimal Women's Health Before and Between Pregnancy

Room 3 @ 11:15 AM

*Brad Lucas, MD, Buckeye Community Health Plan; Natalie DiPietro Mager, PharmD, MPH, Ohio Northern University*

This session will provide an overview of how reproductive life plans and systematic inquiry about pregnancy intent can be routinely incorporated into practice to promote optimal women's health before and between pregnancy to improve birth outcomes.



## Addressing Birth Defects as a Cause of Infant Mortality

Room 2 @ 11:15 AM

*Allison Schreiber, MS, LGC, Cleveland Clinic*

This session will provide an overview of how birth defects are one of the leading causes of infant mortality and



also a contributor to prematurity. This discussion will put these problems into perspective; identify causes and potential for prevention, with the ultimate goal of reducing infant mortality. As genetic contributions to infant death and premature birth are being identified, the journey of recognition, understanding, prevention and treatment to reduce infant morbidity and mortality can begin.



## Infant Mortality Research Partnership

**Room 1 @ 11:15 AM**

*Allison Lorenz, MPA, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center; Steve Gabbe, MD; Elizabeth Root, Josh Hawley, Lawrence Kleinman.*

This session will provide an overview of the Infant Mortality Research Partnership with Ohio's Universities through the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC). Research topics include improved access to care, safe sleep, and impact of progesterone; predictive modeling for infant mortality; spatial GIS modeling for identifying high-risk communities; an evaluation of the impact of OIMRI home visiting programs; and an interactive data display system based on the results of the research projects.



## From Redlined to Evicted: Understanding Historical and Contemporary Social Determinants Facing Communities of Color

**Ballroom @ 11:15 AM**

*Jason Reece, PhD, Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University*

The session looks at historical and contemporary social determinants of health related to housing which impact racial disparities in infant and maternal health. From redlining practices which created inequitable neighborhoods, to the contemporary eviction crisis facing women of color, housing is a critical leverage point to improve infant and maternal health. The presentation will focus on data for Cleveland and Ohio's other large urban areas.



## HOME Choice: Moving Children Home

**Room 25C @ 11:15 AM**

*James E. Gibson, Jr., Ohio Department of Medicaid; Jessica Hawk, Ohio Department of Medicaid; Alex Cooper*

This session provides an overview of HOME Choice, a program sponsored by Ohio Department of Medicaid. HOME Choice's mission is to transition individuals from institutional care to the community, providing person-centered, high-quality services and supports in settings of their choice. By collaborating with hospital staff, community agencies, managed care companies and county agencies, we transition newborns from institutional settings back into the community, promoting optimum infant health.



## Taking the Care to the Patient: Urban to Rural, a successful replication of a prenatal mobile health unit and the partners who came together to make it happen

**Room 23 @ 11:15 AM**

*Sonia Booker, MSN, RN, March of Dimes*

This session will give an overview of the Wellness on Wheels Prenatal project and how it is being implemented across underserved communities in Ohio. Preliminary data results show that mobile health projects are minimizing barriers to care and improving health outcomes of underserved women and children.



## Improving Teens' Access to Effective Contraceptives in Central Ohio

Room 26 A @ 11:15 AM

*Elise Berlan MD, MPH, FAAP, Nationwide Children's Hospital; Ngozi Osuagwu, MD, FACOG, ABIHM, NCMP, CS, Ohio Health; Robyn Lutz, RN, BSN, Ohio Health*

This session will provide an overview of recent literature and evidence-based models for the prevention of adolescent pregnancy. This will include information from the Contraceptive CHOICE Project at Washington University in Saint Louis and other relevant research.



## Centering Pregnancy: an Interactive Experience in Prenatal Care

Room 26 B @ 11:15 AM

*Alison Tomazic, Neighborhood Family Practice; Julie Kellon, CNM, Neighborhood Family Practice; Susan Hudson, MSN, CNM*

This breakout session will be an interactive experience in which attendees will participate in a group discussion to learn about Centering Pregnancy. The basic set up, design, and ground rules will be presented along with a fun activity for participants.



## Breast for Success is an Intervention that Works: Engaging High-Risk Inner-City Mothers and Fathers/Partners in Breastfeeding Education

Room 25A @ 11:15 AM

*Lydia Furman, MD, Steve Killpack MS, Community Endeavors Foundation, Inc., Cleveland Ohio; Rev. Dr. Brian Moore, Passages, Inc., Cleveland Ohio; Eira Yates MSSA, Assistant Director Mom's First Program & Fatherhood, OhioGuidestone, Cleveland Ohio; Ms. Rayleenah Saleem; Ms. Diane Stone*

This session will provide an overview of Breast for Success, a culturally competent breastfeeding education program intended for high-risk African-American inner-city expectant women. Breast for Success also has a parallel father-friendly version dedicated to engagement of fathers/partners, with aligned but father-focused curricular elements. The program is anchored on Community Health Worker home visiting and includes brief sequential interactive curricular modules that target identified barriers (e.g. pain) and their solutions (e.g. good latch).

## Tuesday, December 6, 2016 2:45PM – 3:45PM Breakout Sessions



## Centering Parenting: Let's Keep the Group Thing Going!

Room 4 @ 2:45 PM

*Angie Truesdale, Centering Healthcare Institute; Yvette Casey-Hunter, MD; Gretchen Mettler, CNM, PhD; Alison Tomazic*

This session will provide an overview of Centering Parenting, a family-centered model of group child care that is often a continuation from Centering Pregnancy group prenatal care. Inherent in the Centering model are more time for families with their provider, and a safe and supportive environment that creates lifelong bonds between families.



## Centering Pregnancy: A Focus on High Risk Pre-Natal Care, Student Training, Outcome Reporting and Patient/Provider Satisfaction

Room 5 @ 2:45 PM



*Tanya Munroe, Centering Healthcare Institute; Susan Hudson, MSN, CNM; Montiel T. Rosenthal, MD; Cheryl Johnson, MD; Debra Dole, PhD, DNM.*

Leading Centering groups requires immersive training in group facilitation and continued skills-building. Currently, CHI offers facilitation training at the basic, advanced and train-the-trainer level. Many teaching practices have adapted their students' schedules to provide facilitation training in Centering groups. In this session we will hear how Ohio practices are preparing their trainees to lead Centering groups and transform care where their careers take them.



## **Working Together to Make Change: How Partnerships are making a Difference in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus**

**Ballroom @ 2:45 PM**

*Ryan Adcock, Cradle Cincinnati; Liane Egle, JD, Celebrate One; Giesele Greene, MD*

Infant Mortality is a far too complex problem for any one organization to solve on its own. Working in partnership with truly diverse stakeholders is the only path to success. In the past few years Cradle Cincinnati, First Year Cleveland and Celebrate One have all launched under the premise that we are stronger together than we are alone. In this session, the Executive Directors of all three efforts will discuss theories of collaborative change, successes to date and the challenges of working in partnership.



## **The Ohio Equity Institute: Where are we Now**

**Room 6 @ 2:45 PM**

*Keeli Cook, The Ohio Equity Institute; Dawn Miller; Shaleeta Smith; Jenny Bailer; Pat Sweeney; Sherry Smith*

This session will provide an overview and update on the progress of The Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes (OEI). In its 4th year, OEI has grown beyond the original eighteen equity projects to become some of the largest infant mortality coalitions across the state working to decrease infant mortality, close the racial disparity gap and increase awareness of social determinants of health as a key component to infant mortality.



## **Infant Safe Sleep in Ohio: Where Do Prenatal Healthcare Providers Fit In?**

**Room 9 @ 2:45 PM**

*Nichole L. Hodges, PhD, MPH, MCHES, Center for Injury Research and Policy of the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital*

This session highlights a study that examined the perspectives of Ohio prenatal healthcare providers on Infant Safe sleep, while also evaluating barriers to providing proper education to families. Most providers had some knowledge of ISS recommendations, but few reported regularly providing education to their patients.



## **Reducing Infant Sleep-Related Deaths: a Comprehensive Community Approach**

**Room 10 @ 2:45 PM**

*Julianne Wojno, MA, Columbus Public Health; Karen Gray Medina*

This session highlights the initiative Columbus Public Health is taking to address infant safe sleep in the communities they serve. Celebrate One has taken a comprehensive approach to make the ABC's of Safe Sleep a social norm. Efforts include an impactful and multifaceted mass media campaign, grassroots education, Pack 'N Play distribution, and collaboration with central Ohio birthing hospitals.



## Direct On Scene Education (DOSE) - Using First Responders to Educate on Infant Safe Sleep

Room 11 @ 2:45 PM

*Jennifer Walker, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital*

This session provides an overview of DOSE, a program that teaches first responders how to educate families on safe sleep at the conclusion of an emergency response incident. Attendees of this session will learn how DOSE has been successfully implemented in the Cleveland area and what it takes to bring this program to their community.



## Moms2B: An Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Program Designed to Improve Birth Outcomes in At-Risk Women

Room 12 @ 2:45 PM

*Pat Gabbe, MD, MPH, Moms2B; Rebecca Reno, PhD, MSW, Moms2B*

Moms2B is an innovative program designed to improve birth outcomes among at-risk women. The program incorporates evidence-based strategies to address the social determinants of health associated with poor birth outcomes. To accomplish this, a multidisciplinary team consisting of students and practitioners meets with pregnant and parenting women in weekly group sessions. The Moms2B program is currently in its sixth year of operation, holding sessions in neighborhoods identified as having high rates of infant mortality in Columbus. This breakout session will describe the structure of the program and highlight our results on birth outcomes as well as health behaviors, such as breastfeeding.



## Improving Birth Outcomes through Perinatal Doula Support

Room 8 @ 2:45 PM

*Christin Farmer, Birthing Beautiful Communities; Verna Darby, Doula, PCHW; Khalilah Williams, Doula, PCHW; Nakia Smith, Doula, PCHW*

The session highlights the work of Birthing Beautiful Communities and the impact their services have on maternal and child health. Perinatal doulas or birth attendants are present for a woman's pregnancy, at the labor and deliver and during the extended postpartum period. Birthing Beautiful Communities provide women with cultural holistic support in areas of sister groups, breastfeeding, housing advocacy, education, workforce and educational goals.



## Home Visiting as a Strategy to Improve Birth Outcomes

Room 18 @ 2:45 PM

*Jye L. Breckenridge, MSW, LISW-S; Marie A. Jones, M.Div., LSW, NLC; Margaret Clark; Jennifer Bailit, MD*

Home visiting programs have been demonstrated to reduce low birthweight and infant deaths and facilitate access to at-risk populations. The objective for this session is to explore how the Ohio Department of Health is using home visiting programs such as Certified Community Health Workers, Healthy Families America, and Nurse Family Partnership to improve birth outcomes across at-risk populations. This breakout session will be comprised of four sections: Introduction and Brief Overview of the Ohio Department of Health's Home Visiting System – Presented by Jye Breckenridge, MSW, LISW-S, Early Childhood Home Visiting Administrator, Ohio Department of Health; Using Certified Community Health Workers to Address African American Infant Mortality – Presented by Marie A. Jones, M.Div., LSW, NLC, Program Manager, Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI), Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.; Increasing Early Prenatal Engagement and Improving Birth Outcomes in the Every Child Succeeds Home Visiting Program – Presented by Margaret Clark, Senior Program Director, Every Child Succeeds; and Nurse Family Partnership: A New Strategy to Improve Birth Outcomes in Cuyahoga County – Presented by Jennifer Bailit, MD,



Medical Administrator for Women's and Children's Health and Wellness at The MetroHealth System.



## **Let's Talk About HIV and Sex: Providing Community Health Workers with Education about HIV/STDs and How it Relates to Infant Mortality**

**Room 2 @ 2:45 PM**

*Michelle Smith-Wojnowski, C-CHW, Neighborhood Health Association; Rachel Noleff, MPH, C-CHW*

This presentation will begin by providing Community Health Workers/attendees basic HIV/STD education and how it relates to Infant Mortality. We will then discuss how to have a sometimes difficult conversation with clients about safer sex practices and how this can relate to their overall health. We will conclude by having a "how to apply and remove a condom" demonstration along with discussions about safer sex/birth control options that can be used when Community Health Workers are in the field.



## **New Beginnings for New Fathers**

**Room 14 @ 2:45 PM**

*Elena Martinez, Judy Strayer, NBNF Project Manager, ODJFS; Darryl Grayson, Fatherhood Director of Urban Light Ministries; Ashiko Hudson Project Manager at Action for Children; Dr. Brian Moore, founder and CEO of Passages; Calvin Williams President of Lucian Families and Co-author of NBNF's On My Shoulders curriculum*

This session will highlight the New Beginnings for New Fathers (NBNF) program which was one of thirty-nine programs nationwide to be awarded a \$10 million grant under the federal Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood initiative. NBNF is designed to help fathers strengthen their relationships, improve long-term economic stability for vulnerable families, and overcome barriers that prohibit fathers from being effective and nurturing parents.



## **A Group of Committed Men: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Fatherhood Safe Sleep Initiative**

**Room 15 @ 2:45 PM**

*Stacy Scott, PhD, SIDS Network of Ohio; Nathaniel Jordan II, Columbus Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc*

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is working through its membership to promote safe Infant sleep practices among parents, caregivers and particularly fathers in an effort to reduce the risk of sudden unexpected infant death focusing on the African American Communities. This session will highlight the details of the initiative focusing on the development of this national partnerships and its effort to achieve equity in birth outcomes throughout the United States focusing on Ohio activities.



## **Boot Camp for New Dads. One Saturday a Month, about to be Dads and New Dads Spend Three Hours Learning All Things Baby From The Best Teachers Out There**

**Room 16 @ 2:45 PM**

*Sandi Hoch, Metro Healthcare System; Steve Killpack, MS*

Boot Camp For New Dads (BCND) is a unique father-to-father, community-based workshop that inspires and equips men of different economic levels, ages and cultures to become confidently engaged with their infants, support their mates and personally navigate their transformation into dads. This program is designed to be delivered in healthcare facilities and also addresses the

ways fathers can help keep their babies healthy and safe.



## Having a Baby Ain't Like it Used to Be. Important Information for Expectant Families and Community Members

Room 19 @ 2:45 PM

*Jennifer Foster, BSN, RN, IBCLC; Laura Knisley RD, LD, RNC-OB, cMNN, IBCLC, CDE Registered*

This session will provide educational resources to healthcare providers and community members on how to create an environment that is conducive to breastfeeding and how to address negative comments and treatment regarding public breastfeeding. The goal of the presentation is not just to show the toolkit, but to give attendees/coalitions an idea of how to prepare for such events, and what they can learn from our experience.



## Impact of Breastfeeding Promotion on Infant Mortality in an Urban Setting

Room 20 @ 2:45 PM

*Julie Ware, MD, MPH, IBCLC; Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center*

This session will provide an overview of a research study conducted to investigate the associations between breastfeeding and infant mortality, neonatal mortality and post-neonatal mortality in Shelby County, Tennessee. Results showed that initiation of any breastfeeding was associated with a reduction of infant mortality, neonatal mortality, and post-neonatal mortality. Breastfeeding promotion and support should be integrated into infant mortality reduction efforts in the US and developed countries.



## Maternal Opiate Medical Supports (MOMS) Project

Room 7 @ 2:45 PM

*Mary Applegate, MD, FAAP, FACP; Mark Hurst, MD; Michael Marcotte, MD; Mona Prasad, DO; Alex Meyer, MA.*

Maternal Opiate Medical Supports (MOMS) project is a two-year quality improvement initiative focused on providing treatment to pregnant mothers with opiate issues during and after pregnancy through a Maternal Care Home (MCH) model of care. In addition to a brief overview of the goals and outcomes of the project, the presentation will inform attendees about tools for opiate dependent pregnant women and clinical resources for providers including detailed treatment algorithms. Additionally, attendees will learn about obstetric and behavioral health approaches to caring for opiate dependent pregnant women and their infants.



## The Other Side of Infant Mortality: Starting a Discussion on Maternal Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Infant Mortality

Room 21 @ 2:45 PM

*Donald Wharton, MD, CareSource; John P. Nisky, PCC-S, NCC; Chris Rond*

While public discourse on infant mortality widely addresses premature or low birth weight babies, seldom do we address mortality in babies of healthy birth weight born to mothers with addiction and mental health problems. New CareSource research finds that mothers who have babies with a healthy weight of at least 2,500 grams, but are diagnosed with either severe mental illness or substance abuse disorders, need extended pre and post-natal care. This session will start a conversation on best practices, next steps, community services, and the role of the managed care organization in coordinating care for this targeted population.





## Supporting Maternal Mental Health as an Avenue to Improved Infant Health

Room 22 @ 2:45 PM

*Sarah Nagle-Yang, MD, University Hospitals of Cleveland*

The mental health of mothers has a clear implication for the health of infants. Psychiatric illness in pregnancy is linked to reduced compliance with prenatal care, poor nutrition and substance use. This session will allow attendees to learn about methods of screening for maternal mental illness in a variety of settings (i.e., home visiting programs, pediatric primary care, etc.) and what community referral resources exist for mothers with mental health needs.



## Baby & ME - Tobacco Free Program

Room 23 @ 2:15 PM

*Laurie Adams, Certified Cessation Specialist*

This session will describe a successful prenatal/postpartum smoking cessation program helping pregnant women quit smoking and stay quit after baby is born and will identify cost effectiveness and health benefits.



## LARC First Initiative/Better Birth Control NEO

Room 24 @ 2:45 PM

*Mary Wynne-Peaspanen, Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio; Melissa Federman, The Center for Community Solutions; Ellen Russell, Little Jacket*

This session will highlight a project sponsored by Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Reproductive Health and Wellness program (RHWP) to assist in the reduction of unintended pregnancies and reduce the infant mortality rate in the state of Ohio. Four RHWP agencies were chosen to participate in the pilot project which began October, 2015 and will continue through October, 2017. Training was provided through UPSTREAM training group and included: updated clinic flow practices to accommodate patient education on IUDs and implants; same-day LARC insertion; and billing, to maximize revenue and ensure sustainability. The agencies were provided extra funding to purchase LARC and supplies, educate and train providers LARC insertion, educate and train staff on LARC first, same day LARC insertion, and outreach and marketing.



## Can Employers Help Prevent Infant Mortality?

Room 25A @ 2:45 PM

*Carissa M. Rocheleau, PhD, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health CDC*

This session will explore how workplaces can impact maternal and child health-- including preterm birth, childhood hospitalizations, and infant mortality. Workplaces can have powerful impacts through their physical work environment, workplace culture, and employer policies (such as paid leave or flexible schedules). We will discuss examples of how these three characteristics of workplaces can 1) prevent hazardous exposures to expectant and current parents; 2) promote healthy behaviors before, during, and after pregnancy; 3) facilitate access to prenatal and postnatal care; and 4) help parents balance work and family demands.



## Confronting Infant Mortality in Public Housing in Northeast Ohio: Leveraging Federal Funding and Constructing the Collaborative Neighborhood-Based Model Room

25B @ 2:45 PM

*Evan Goldstien, MPP, Care Alliance Health Center; Kate Fox Nagel, DrPH, MPH*

This session highlights the work of Care Alliance and the initiatives they are taking to address infant mortality in their

communities. To responsibly address infant mortality and prenatal health disparities in Central, Care Alliance harnessed over \$5 million in federal funding and catalyzed community support to open the Central Neighborhood Clinic (CNC), a 30,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art, community-resident-informed, and LEED Gold Certified health center.



## Advancements in the Basic Science of Preterm Labor

Room 25C @ 2:45 PM

*David Hackney MD, MS, University Hospitals Case Medical Center; Sam Mesiano, PhD*

One of the cornerstones of infant mortality reduction is the prevention and treatment of preterm labor, which itself rests in part upon our basic science understanding of the underlying mechanisms of uterine contractions and cervical change. The aim of this breakout will be to review the role of progesterone in preterm labor, including the current state of basic science research and how it may relate to ongoing clinical preventative efforts for our patients.



## FQHCs Role in Reducing Infant Mortality in Ohio

Room 26B @ 2:45 PM

*Ashley Ballard RN, BSN, PCMH CCE, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC); Tiffany Blair MPH, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers*

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) play a key role in addressing infant mortality as they currently serve in Ohio over 13,000 pregnant women, more than 15,000 infants, and at least 160,000 women of childbearing age each year. Services are provided by 45 organizations in 250 sites across the state. This session is to discuss initiatives Ohio's FQHCs are involved in to address infant mortality.



## Comprehensive Care for High-Risk Pregnancies- The Ohio Gestational Diabetes (GDM) Postpartum Care Learning Collaborative

Room 1 @ 2:45 PM

*Allison Lorenz, MPA, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center; Stephen Thung, MD; Caroline Fogarty; Hillary Rosebrook*

This session will provide an overview of a collaboration between Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center to launch a quality improvement program with 28 provider sites across the state of Ohio. The provider sites were engaged to pilot practitioner and patient focus toolkits, attend monthly technical assistance teleconferences, participate in data collection and rapid cycle data feedback, and receive individual coaching on resource implementation and quality improvement (QI) science.



## Vaping and Pregnancy: A Summary of Research Evidence on E-cigarettes

Room 3 @ 2:45 PM

*Elizabeth Klein, PhD, MPH, The Ohio State University College of Public Health*

Smoking and secondhand smoke exposure is an established risk during pregnancy, known to contribute to the risk of infant mortality. While e-cigarettes were introduced to the U.S. market in 2007, their use and popularity has grown rapidly. During this session, a summary of the risks associated with use of combustible and non-combustible tobacco products during pregnancy will be presented. Attendees will learn about the basics of e-cigarettes as nicotine delivery systems, as well as a summary of the state of the scientific evidence on the known impacts of cigarettes, c-cigarettes and nicotine during pregnancy. Additionally, emerging evidence on exposure to secondhand smoke and vapor will be explored for the potential impacts during pregnancy.



## What Can YOU as a Parent, Grandparent, or Babysitter do to Keep Your Infant Safe During the First Year of Life? What Questions do you Have?

Room 13 @ 2:45 PM



*Joyce Arand RN Director Women and Children's Services Cleveland Clinic-Fairview; Sue Hudson Certified Nurse Midwife Cleveland Clinic; Tera Williams MD Pediatrician Cleveland Clinic; Coe Bell RN Assistant Director Childbirth Education and Lactation Consultant and Current OLCA president*

This community presentation is an interactive panel of experts discussing safe sleep, breastfeeding and practical ways families can keep their infants safe during the first year of life. This experienced group of current providers are engaging and knowledgeable and have presented in the Cleveland community in this same format several times and received rave reviews. They focus on engaging the audience in a dialog to focus on the questions they have. They provide up to date evidenced based information using some visuals and posters.

## Continuing Professional Development

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) and The Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality. The OSMA is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The OSMA designates this live educational activity for a maximum of 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The Ohio Board of Nursing recognizes Category 1 CME credit for nursing education.

Columbus Public Health provided the Social Work and Counselor Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Credits for this program. This program has been approved for 5.75 CPE credits for Social Workers and Counselors. Columbus Public Health is an approved provider of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for the Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board, approved provider number (#RCS071406).

Qualified individuals will receive their designated education credit from OSMA via e-mail. You will be required to complete and submit an e-mailed, post-summit evaluation. If you don't provide a valid email address, you won't receive the evaluation and credit verification.

## Exhibits

***The exhibits are located outside of the Grand Ballroom A, B, C in the Pre-Function space. Please make time to visit our exhibitors during the day.***

### **What's In Your Genes? Ohio Department of Health, Cheryl Jones, Norma Ryan, Anna Starr**

The ODH Sickle Cell Services Program works to ensure and enhance the availability and accessibility of quality, comprehensive sickle cell services and care for newborns, children and adults, promote patient/consumer/family/professional education to increase awareness and knowledge about sickle cell disease, sickle cell trait and other hemoglobinopathies and increase strategies to maximize collaboration, coordination and utilization of all sickle cell-related services/resources in Ohio. The ODH Genetic Services Program ensures Ohioans of all ages have access to quality and comprehensive genetic services, as well as educates health care providers/policymakers and the general public about hereditary conditions. The ODH Genetics and Sickle Cell Services Program provide follow-up on babies and families with abnormal newborn bloodspot screening results. The Ohio Connections for Children with Special Needs (OCCSN) birth defects surveillance system collects and analyzes data on children up to age 5 years in Ohio with birth defects to help identify and target prevention strategies. OCCSN also helps families get connected to Early Intervention services. Birth defects or congenital anomalies are one of the leading causes of infant mortality in Ohio.

### **Buckeye Health Plan, Christopher Beers**

Buckeye Health Plan is a managed care health insurance company for those receiving Medicaid from the State of Ohio (all 88



counties); Buckeye Health Plan has been providing services in Ohio since 2004. Buckeye is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a leading multi-line healthcare enterprise offering both core Medicaid and specialty services.

**Our Babies Count – Ohio’s Public Awareness Campaign Supporting Healthy Pregnancies in Ohio, Cindy Byington**

In Ohio, too many babies are dying. Nearly 1,000 babies die every year before age one. Our Babies Count is a group of public health officials, policy makers and medical and health care professionals who have launched “Our Babies Count” public education campaign to raise awareness of this statewide health challenge and give people ways to solve it.

**Womankind Maternal and Prenatal Care Center, Eileen Murray**

Womankind Maternal and Prenatal Care Center provides free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in medical, financial and emotional need. We see women who are feeling unprepared, unsupported and/or overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Our free services are confidential, compassionate and provided with the emotional support a woman needs during her pregnancy. No woman should face a pregnancy without hope and without help.

**Promoting Fatherhood Involvement in Maternal and Child Health, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, Elena Martinez**

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood/ODJFS developed the New Beginnings for New Fathers (NBNF) program which was one of thirty-nine programs nationwide, to be awarded a \$10 million grant under the federal Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood initiative. NBNF is designed to help fathers strengthen their relationships, improve long-term economic stability for vulnerable families, and overcome barriers that prohibit fathers from being effective and nurturing parents. NBNF strives to educate fathers on the importance of participating in prenatal health/ childbirth preparation events, “ABC’s of Safe Sleep”, breast feeding and appropriate birth-spacing in an effort to eliminate infant mortality.

**Northeast Ohio Doula Collective, Nadia Robinson**

The support of a doula has been shown to decrease health risks for the mother/infant dyad during the childbearing year. Doula support provided throughout the perinatal period impacts infant mortality rates by reducing the risk of having a low birth weight baby and of experiencing birth complications, increasing rates of breastfeeding initiation and duration of exclusive breastfeeding, and contributing to decreased maternal depression and anxiety. Extra support in the childbearing year can make a vast difference in maternal and neonatal outcomes, yet some of the most vulnerable families in our region are the least likely to have the resources to afford this care. Northeast Ohio Doula Collective seeks to address this disparity in collaboration with community partners and passionate volunteer doulas. We provide free birth and postpartum doula services to expectant parents who are eligible for government assistance. NEODC is currently developing a doula training program so more community members can serve our region with the skills of a doula and the sensitivity of a neighbor. Our exhibit will highlight ways in which community members can participate in upcoming trainings and community leaders can connect mothers and families with our services. Furthermore, we welcome the opportunity to connect with local organizations and clinicians to help support our mission through collaboration and expand doula care throughout Northeast Ohio.



### **Best Practices in Contraception: Reducing Barriers and Improving LARC Use, Columbus Public Health, Gretchen Bodnar**

The purpose of this project is to share evidence based success stories that have helped improve health outcomes for teens, adolescents and women of reproductive age. At Columbus Public Health, the mission of the Women's Health Family Planning Center is to increase LARC usage among patients in the community. LARCs, Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives, include intrauterine contraception (IUCs) and the contraceptive implant. These methods are over 99% effective and offer from 3-10 years of protection against pregnancy. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Centers for Disease Control, and The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend LARCs as first line birth control in women and adolescents to prevent unintended pregnancy. Women that experience an unintended pregnancy are more likely to drop out of school. Unintended pregnancies are also associated with adverse child and maternal health outcomes and significantly higher health care costs. The time between the birth of a baby and the conception of another baby is known as an inter-pregnancy interval. Short inter-pregnancy intervals can be associated with less than optimal health outcomes for the mom and the baby. To reduce these risks to mom and baby, safe spacing is recommended. Staff expertise, evidence based knowledge, and communication techniques such as motivational interviewing and engaging the patient in a conversation foster a rich environment for success in LARC. Addressing the needs of the population with bilingual staff, LGBTQ friendly staff, a robust contraceptive menu, same day insertion, and walk in visits also promotes success. Removal of financial barriers along with the ability to serve minors for contraception complete the formula to achieve increased LARC insertion rates.

### **Promoting Optimal Infant Health During and After Pregnancy, Ohio Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, Hayley Southworth**

The Ohio AAP operates programs aimed at reducing and preventing infant mortality. These include Quality Improvement programs focused on primary care offices and birthing hospitals, research into safe sleep messaging, and public awareness campaigns that have reached millions around the state. At the Ohio AAP's Infant Mortality Prevention Initiatives exhibit, information will be available regarding the results of these programs, opportunities for healthcare professionals to get involved, and resources for community members and the public.

### **The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC): Improving Perinatal Health in Ohio, Holly Poynter**

The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC) is a statewide network dedicated to improving perinatal health across Ohio. With expert guidance from Ohio's perinatal providers, OPQC uses improvement science to engage teams to learn from one another and make improvements in specific topic areas. Currently, 23 Outpatient and 20 Inpatient OB Clinics are participating in OPQC's Progesterone Project, along with a pilot of 5 Federally Qualified Health Centers. There are 52 Level II and III Special Care Nurseries and NICUs participating in OPQC's Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Project. OPQC's newest project, the NICU Graduates Project, engages all 6 Ohio Children's Hospital Association hospitals.

### **Sickle Cell Disease Education and Awareness, American Sickle Cell Anemia Association, Ira Bragg-Grant**

Sickle Cell Disease is a commonly inherited blood disorder resulting from abnormal hemoglobin, which is associated with lifelong disabilities and reduce life expectancy. The American Sickle Cell Anemia Association exhibit will provide prevalent data and resource information about sickle cell disease and other hemoglobin variants in Ohio's at risk population. In addition, the exhibit will also address some disparities surrounding the illness and the state of Ohio newborn screening mandate.

### **Ohio Means Jobs, Jamie Carmichael**

Ohio Means Jobs is an online portal that provides those searching for or in need of employment with resources such as resume and interview assistance, employment programs, job openings and online tools. Those interested in furthering their education are able to explore industries of interest, in demand occupations and schools to apply to.

### **Cradle Cincinnati - Every Baby, Every Day, Jessica Seeberger**

Too many babies die before their first birthday every year in Hamilton County. The Cincinnati area ranks among the bottom 10% of counties across the nation for infant mortality. Our vision is that every child born in Hamilton County lives to see their first birthday. Our goals are to prevent prematurity by increasing the amount of time between each woman's pregnancies, reduce



tobacco and other substance abuse in pregnancy and promote safe sleep for babies.

**The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), Jill Castenir**

The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) is a nonprofit membership organization that promotes the health of women and newborns. Our mission is to improve and promote the health of women and newborns and to strengthen the nursing profession through the delivery of superior advocacy, research, education and other professional and clinical resources to nurses and other health care professionals.

**Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Joe Cos**

Molina Healthcare is a Medicaid managed care plan covering services for families across the state. Molina offers a variety of programs and services designed to help new moms with Molina get the health care and services that they need to promote a healthy pregnancy and first year for a newborn.

**Confronting Infant Mortality in Public Housing in Northeast Ohio: Leveraging Federal Funding and Constructing Collaborative Neighborhood-Based Model, Care Alliance Health Center, Katie Fox Nagel**

In 2012, Care Alliance intended to lead as a service provider on the ground and to encourage key organizations to coalesce and address infant mortality among public housing residents living in Ward 5. To responsibly address infant mortality and prenatal health disparities in Central, Care Alliance harnessed over \$5 million in federal funding and catalyzed community support to open the Central Neighborhood Clinic (CNC), a 30,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art, community-resident-informed, and LEED Gold Certified health center. Care Alliance constructed the CNC with the intent that the new facility would become a health services anchor institution for families living in Ward 5. From the onset, Care Alliance devised a strategic operational agenda that included both launching internal services at the CNC and galvanizing key external resources necessary for confronting infant mortality.

**Help Me Grow of Cuyahoga County, Katie Utrata**

Help Me Grow (HMG) has convened a Home Visiting Collaborative in Cuyahoga County that consists of agencies providing home-based services to families prenatal through kindergarten. This group includes BAMS, Bright Beginnings, Early Head Start and Home-Based Head Start, HMG State Home Visiting, HIPPI, MomsFirst, Newborn Home Visiting, NFP, OIMRI, and SPARK. HMG has developed materials providing a consistent message to the community about family support through home visiting for all families.

**Ohio Department of Health Early Childhood Home Visiting, Ohio Department of Health Help Me Grow, Kira Bryant and Bianca Guynn**

Help Me Grow program is designed to ensure Ohio's children receive a healthy birth and the resources to warrant a healthy and productive start in life. An integral part of Ohio's prenatal to age three system of supports, the services offered by Help Me Grow equip parents with the means to help their child acquire the early building blocks necessary for long term success. These initial achievements last a lifetime, as scientific evidence strongly suggests that a child's success is significantly determined by the quality of nurturing in the first three years of life. Help Me Grow believes all young children deserve the same opportunities to realize their full potential in life, regardless of economic, geographic, and demographic considerations. The parenting education and child development resources provided to families allows them to maximize this critical period of development in their child's life, providing a foundation for lasting success. Help Me Grow encompasses three components, Home Visiting, MIECHV and OIMRI

**Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Lindsey Riemann**

The SBIRT grant is a five year grant awarded to the state by SAMHSA to provide early intervention and treatment services for people struggling with depression and substance misuse. SBIRT uses a comprehensive public health approach to serve Ohioans who may be struggling or at risk of a substance use disorder or depression problem. Our goal at the Ohio SBIRT Project is that any time any Ohioan interacts with a medical, behavioral, or mental health professional they will be appropriately screened and receive the necessary intervention. We currently travel the state to provide free SBIRT and Motivational Interviewing training to health systems interested in this integrated care model for best practices.



### **March of Dimes, Lisa Holloway and Lauren Henderson**

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose volunteers and staff work to improve the health of women, infants and children by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy. The March of Dimes has set a goal of reducing preterm birth rates to 8.1% or less by 2020. Ohio's preterm birth rate in 2014 was 10.3% and the US preterm birth rate was 9.6%. Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant mortality in Ohio. This exhibit will feature March of Dimes informational materials that inform consumers about behaviors that reduce risk for preterm birth and other poor birth outcomes and lead to healthy pregnancies and babies. In addition, we will provide ample samples of materials to health professionals that work with pregnant and childbearing age women as well as professional education training materials and information produced by the March of Dimes.

### **Neighborhood Family Practice, Megan Meister**

Neighborhood Family Practice provides families with easy access to the highest quality of affordable care in their neighborhood. We partner with individuals and deliver care in a respectful manner, and guide healthy decisions to improve quality of living.

OhioGuidestone – A Community Solutions Organization, Melissa Roman

OhioGuidestone is a community solutions organization. We offer a unique blend of behavioral health treatment services, skill building programs and prevention opportunities for children and families. At OhioGuidestone, many of our clients struggle with a lack of education and life skills, and don't know how to access personal or community resources to help improve their situations. We not only help resolve problems that already exist, but teach skills to help individuals become self-sufficient, and prevent future obstacles to success. Our services help individuals not only to survive, but thrive.

### **The Ohio Community Health Workers Association Linking Our Community To The Care It Needs, Michelle Smith-Wojnowski, C-CHW**

The Ohio Community Health Workers are a group of dedicated individuals who have committed to providing the needed links to medical and social services that are offered to those in need in our communities. To often, community members do not receive various services in part due to lack of knowledge of what is available. Community Health Workers are workers who are trained to know what is available in a variety of specialties and how to link the community to those resources. We decrease the barriers so the community can receive the services they need. We work in all areas of health care and social services, communicating and networking with each other on a quarterly basis to ensure that we are armed with the information to meet the needs of our community.

### **Reproductive Health & Wellness Program, Ohio Department of Health, Molly Kelly**

The RHWP helps women and men strive for optimal reproductive health by providing pap, pelvic and breast exams, testicular exams, offering LARC and many other methods of contraception, information on abstinence, contraception and sexually transmitted diseases, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections. Every woman and man complete a reproductive life plan. Clients are asked if they are planning to become pregnant in the next year. Healthcare staff then know which direction to go concerning the client's reproductive health - prenatal care, contraception or other alternatives to delay pregnancy, if they wish. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Community Baby Shower, United Healthcare Community Plan, Monica peace Statewide Community Baby Showers aim to educate and empower families in order to improve birth outcomes and children's health. Educational sessions include nutrition, safe sleep, prenatal care, breastfeeding, car seat use, smoking cessation, postpartum, brain building exercises, health screenings, financial literacy, domestic violence, and more.

### **Northeast Ohio Doula Collective, Nadia Robinson**

Northeast Ohio Doula Collective provides free birth and postpartum doula care to Northeast Ohio residents who qualify for government assistance. We believe that all families deserve unbiased support during the childbearing year, regardless of ability to pay, and our passionate community of doulas is devoted to making this possible. We are dedicated to helping low-income families navigate the challenges that arise throughout pregnancy, birth, and postpartum recovery to support the health and well-being of all Northeast Ohio families.



**University Partnerships to Improve Maternal and Infant Health, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center, Nadine Wise**

Maternal and Child Health is a critical area of public health and research at the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center. GRC is actively engaged in quantitative and qualitative research and developing innovative tools to provide actionable information to improve maternal and infant health. This session highlights GRC's research partnerships with healthcare, state, and academic leaders to promote quality health system transformation for Ohio's women and children.

**Nurse Family Partnership at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Rachel Chon, RN, BSN**

Nurse Family Partnership is a national, evidenced-based home visitation program that provides nurse home visits to first-time, low-income mothers and their children. NFP goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes, child safety and development, and economic self-sufficiency of families.

**Fatherhood Programs in Stark County, Stark County Job and Family Services Child Support Division and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition, Rob Pierson**

The Stark County Fatherhood Coalition and member agencies work with fathers and have programs in place designed to encourage dads to play an active and positive role in the daily life of their children. This exhibit will highlight programs for non-custodial parent fathers, and emphasize how dads make a difference in the health and well-being of children. A key principle presented is that emotionally supporting your child is equally important to financially supporting your child.

**Working to reduce the infant mortality rate in Franklin County by improving the delivery of health services for low-income women and their families using quality improvement science to guide our work, Ohio Better Birth Outcomes, Sarah Saxbe**

The Ohio Better Birth Outcomes (OBBO) collaborative is dedicated to reducing the infant mortality rate in Franklin County by improving the delivery of health care services for women and their families. Consisting of clinicians and professionals from the four health systems and FQHCs in Franklin County, OBBO has contributed to the important community work that is aimed at reducing preterm birth, improving access to prenatal care, and providing education related to the safe spacing of pregnancy and effective reproductive health methods.

**Appalachian Breastfeeding Network, Stephanie Carroll**

Appalachian Breastfeeding Network includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, and North Carolina's regions. In the Appalachian region, we see staggering breastfeeding rates that are much lower than the rest of the state of Ohio and much less than the rest of the nation. Our network is dedicated to work towards changing these dismal statistics and helping every mom and baby have the access to care that they deserve.

**Cuyahoga County WIC, The MetroHealth System, Susan Conover**

WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women and infants and children from birth to 5 years of age, who are found to be at nutritional risk. WIC functions as a part of ongoing health care and as a part of this care, provides the following direct services: screening for nutritional problems, nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, authorized supplemental foods and referrals.

**Centering Healthcare Institute (CHI), Tanya Munroe**

CHI represents 27 CenteringPregnancy sites (group prenatal care) and nine CenteringParenting sites (group well-child care) in Ohio that comprise the Ohio Centering Network. Also active in the network are the March of Dimes Ohio Chapter, The Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and several insurers. Our exhibit will display our patient and health care provider materials, materials promoting the Ohio Centering sites, and allow interested partners and new practices the chance to learn about Centering group care and talk with CHI staff. We will have information on outcomes illustrating how Centering groups are reducing preterm birth and racial disparities in birth outcomes, and how the greater maternal child health



community can partner with CHI to increase access to Centering group care.

**Early Childhood Immunizations, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Toni Waltman**

The Immunization Action Plan is a grant through the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC. Our goal is to promote optimal health for children and adolescents through providing immunization information to the public and quality improvement programs and education to providers. We provide information on the best prenatal care to prevent pertussis, safe sleep for babies, responding to vaccine hesitant parents, risks and responsibilities for those who choose not to vaccinate, infant immunization facts, HepB information, and suggestions to improve immunization services.

**Fair Housing and Consumer Protection Laws, Department of Community Development City of Cleveland Office of Fair Housing & Consumer Affairs, W Moná Scott**

The City of Cleveland has fair housing laws that have fourteen protective classes from being discriminated against while searching for housing and finances to purchase a home. We provide information on Cleveland's fair housing and consumer laws as well as how to purchase a car, avoiding scams, credit score and credit report education.



## Poster Presentations

*Posters will be displayed throughout the Pre-Function space. Each poster board is numbered. Presenters will be at their posters to answer questions and discuss their work on Tuesday, December 6th 12:30pm – 1:30pm.*



### **Improving Health Equity, Social Determinants of Health and Eliminating Racism**

**Creating an Accountability Structure to Achieve Collective Impact, Anne Trinh, Columbus Public Health, Location #1**

The poster will provide examples of formats, indicators, and sources of data for tracking a county-wide infant mortality reduction effort with diverse stakeholders in Franklin County, Ohio.

**Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Uptake at the Cincinnati Health Department, Dr. Jennifer Mooney, Cincinnati Health Department, Location #2**

Long acting reversible contraception (LARC) is an important piece of the public health toolbox to prevent unwanted pregnancy and, in turn, infant mortality. The Cincinnati Health Department's Reproductive Health and Wellness Program has been a leader in assuring access to LARC methods to women living in difficult structural conditions. By breaking down barriers to accessing LARC methods, our program empowers women to achieve their reproductive life plans.

**Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Uptake at the Cincinnati Health Department, Cindy Meale, Butler County Health Department, Location #3**

This poster summarizes Butler County's three year involvement with the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes (OEI) and CityMatch, a national group successful in reducing infant mortality in urban areas. Butler County is among the 10 worst urban areas in Ohio for infant mortality. The Butler County Partnership to reduce Infant Mortality was formed to address this unacceptable situation.

**Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Uptake at the Cincinnati Health Department, Sarah Koopman Gonzalez, Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, Location #4**

This poster presents data on the substance use behaviors, depressive symptoms, and suicide behaviors of high school females from the 2011, 2013, and 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted in Greater Cleveland Metropolitan Area. This research demonstrates that females reporting ever being pregnant report high prevalence rates on risks associated with infant mortality.

**Experiences of Poverty, Race, and Other Sociocultural Factors in the Lives of Pregnant and Postpartum Women who Live in Communities of Northeast Ohio that Have a High Rate of Infant Mortality, Effie Morway, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Location #5**

"Poverty" and "race" are thought to contribute to elevated infant mortality (IM) rates, however the way that these factors influence IM are still unclear. We conducted interviews with pregnant women until their child's first birthday to understand the experiences that may contribute to their IM risk. Our results indicate that this is a unique time where women are vulnerable, but also primed to make positive life choices toward their health and that of their baby.

**Healthy Start Initiative – Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health Program: Highlights from a Formative Evaluation – Five Rivers Health Centers, Dayton, OH, Dr. Rose Maxwell, Wright State University and Five Rivers Health Centers, Location #6**

The Five Rivers Healthy Start Program, funded by HRSA (Grant # H49MC27824), focuses on enhancing services for women living in specific areas in Montgomery County OH where infant mortality rates are high. This poster is a presentation of some of the findings from a Formative Evaluation of the project after its first 18 months.

**The Ohio Equity Institute Cincinnati RISE to 1 , Lisa Amlung Holloway, March of Dimes, Location #7**

Cincinnati RISE to 1 is one of nine community initiatives of the Ohio Equity Institute designed to improve birth outcomes and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in infant mortality. Two interventions of the project are featured: A. Downstream Project targeting pregnant and postpartum women to build social capital, reduce stress, impact pregnancy intent and connect to resources. B. Upstream Project targeting 9-12 grade students in a public high school by utilizing classroom instruction coupled with a Male Teen Peer Mentoring program to educate on healthy choices, communication and relationships and reproductive life planning to affect both short and long term change.

**Expanding the Group Care Model in Underserved Populations: The Community Connection, Dr. Debora M. Dole, UC Health, Location #8**

Group care models can be enhanced and adapted to meet the unique needs of a community with positive results. An inter-professional team integrated social support, mental health, incentives that reinforce safe sleep concepts, use of the reproductive life plan, community healthcare worker support, and improved care coordination into the Centering Pregnancy model. Implementation of the enhanced model resulted in increased patient satisfaction, participation, access/ utilization of mental health resources, breastfeeding, gestational age/weight and postpartum visit attendance.





## Promoting Optimal Women's Health

### **Evidence of systems change in health care delivery changes related to care for women with gestational diabetes (GDM), Ohio 2010 and 2015, Dr. Elizabeth J. Conrey, Ohio Department of Health, Location #9**

Women with GDM have increased risk of type 2 diabetes (T2DM). While guidelines recommend postpartum T2DM screening, rates are sub-optimal. Systems-based tools such as reminder systems to increase postpartum screening exist, however use by OBGYNs was previously found low. We surveyed Ohio OBGYNs to changes in systems-based care delivery from 2010-2015. In 2015, 76% of OBGYNs reported their practices always ask new patients about a GDM history, vs. 33% in 2010. Among system strategies to improve postpartum screening, OBGYNs reported increases in their practices scheduling appointments prior to delivery, and using reminder phone calls, and EMR alerts.

### **Severe Maternal Morbidity during Delivery Hospitalizations in Ohio, 2008-2013, Dr. Elizabeth J. Conrey, Ohio Department of Health, Location #10**

Severe maternal morbidities (SMM) affects more than 50,000 U.S. women annually with increases over the past decade. We estimated prevalence and distribution of 25 SMM using 2008-13 Ohio Hospital Association data. The rate of any SMM was 178.8/10,000 deliveries, similar to national estimates. Most common morbidities were blood transfusion (84.6/10,000), disseminated intravascular coagulation (45.1/10,000) and heart failure during procedure/surgery (22.0/10,000). Maternal age demonstrated a J-shaped distribution. Risk was also higher among women who were black, Hispanic or with Medicaid-paid deliveries. ODH is using findings along with mortality review to improve systems of care for women.

### **Postpartum and Labor and Delivery Nurses as Important Team Members in Efficacy-Based Contraceptive Counseling, Robyn Lutz, Ohio Health, Location #11**

During a Research Study that the TOPP team was conducting to reduce rapid repeat pregnancies in teen mothers at 5 hospitals in Central Ohio, it soon became evident that many of the postpartum and L&D nurses were not aware of the new contraceptive methods. The results were statistically significant and the authors believe that this is important information for the field and for our goal of reducing infant mortality.

### **Teen Options to Prevent Pregnancy, Robyn Lutz, Ohio Health, Location #12**

This poster will describe the Background, Methods and results of the Teen Options to Prevent Pregnancy (TOPP) Research Study. This program was recently added to the HHS Office of Adolescent Health's List of evidence-based programs which address Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

### **Use of Reproductive Life Plans and Inquiry about Pregnancy Intention among Providers in Ohio, Dr. Natalie DiPietro Mager, Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy, Location #13**

Reproductive life plans and systematic inquiry about pregnancy intent can be routinely incorporated into practice to promote optimal women's health before and between pregnancies to improve birth outcomes. However, it is not currently known how often these methods are being used in Ohio. A survey was conducted in April-June 2016 to collect baseline data on the use of these methods. Based on the results of the survey, strategies to increase use of these methods across the state will be implemented.

### **Utility of Reproductive Life Plans in Identification of Potentially Teratogenic Medication Use, Dr. Natalie DiPietro Mager, Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy, Location #14**

Reproductive life plans (RLP) provide an opportunity to identify potential risks such as the use of potentially teratogenic

medications that need to be addressed before conception to improve birth outcomes. However, the accuracy of such self-reported data, and therefore the utility of RLP to identify these risks, is not known. The purpose of this study was to quantify how often women reported use of potentially teratogenic medications on the RLP and to determine the accuracy of the RLP compared to the medical record.

**Ohio First Steps – Improving Practices Supportive of Breastfeeding in Ohio Hospitals, Ryan Everett, Ohio Hospital Association, Location #15**

The Ohio First Steps for Healthy Babies is a voluntary breastfeeding designation program that recognizes maternity centers in Ohio for taking steps to promote, protect, and support breastfeeding in their organization. A star is awarded for every two steps achieved in the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, as defined by the World Health Organization and Baby-Friendly USA. This poster will provide background on the partnerships that led to the program, the progress of the statewide program thus far, and plans for future expansion of the program.

**Maternal Depression Identification and Treatment Initiation: Centering Pregnancy Population, MacKenzie Phillips , Cleveland Regional Perinatal Network, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Location #16**

The Centering Pregnancy program is a group prenatal care model that engages mothers in taking an active role in their pregnancy while utilizing peer support. The Cleveland Regional Perinatal Network initiated a project in 2015 to include onsite mental health counselors in certain Centering Pregnancy sessions. Combined with universal maternal depression screenings, we believe our model improves identification and increases treatment initiation rates among the Centering Pregnancy population.

**The Development and Implementation of an Integrated Reproductive Psychiatry Service, Dr. Sarah Nagle-Yang , University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Location #17**

This poster will describe the initial implementation of a hospital-based clinical and teaching service designed to support the mental health needs of pregnant and postpartum women and to enhance the education of future psychiatrists in the field of reproductive psychiatry.

**Mom Power: A Parenting and Mental Health Group Intervention for Mothers who are Trauma-Survivors, Dr. Sarah Nagle-Yang, University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Location #18**

Project: Mom Power (MP) is a manualized, 13-session group intervention that targets mothers of infants and toddlers with histories of trauma and current psychopathology. The MP intervention, developed at the University of Michigan (UM), is intended to be a brief, trauma-informed group that targets the complex needs of these high-risk mother-child dyads by integrating a focus on self-care/mental health with parenting competence. Preliminary outcomes have illustrated that participation in this group is associated with a reduction in depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms and an increase in caregiving sensitivity.





## Preventing Prematurity/Preterm Births

### **The Impact of Care Coordination on Progesterone Therapy to Reduce Recurrent Spontaneous Birth, Dr. Jeff Chapa, Cleveland Clinic, Location #19**

Preterm birth is the leading cause of perinatal morbidity and mortality, yet there are significant barriers that prevent at risk mothers from receiving appropriate preventative measures. Cleveland Clinic recently implemented a structured program involving care coordination and motivational interviewing to help compliance with progesterone therapy in women with previous spontaneous preterm birth. This poster examines the impact of these practices.

### **Assessing Impact in Voluntary Home Visiting Programs: Lessons from Cleveland, Elizabeth Anthony, Case Western Reserve University, Location #20**

In the City of Cleveland, African American babies die before their first birthday at roughly twice the rate of White babies. MomsFirst, implemented by the Cleveland Department of Public Health, is designed to reduce the significant disparities in birth outcomes associated with infant mortality (e.g., low birth weight, prematurity) experienced by African-American residents. In this presentation we compare and contrast methods for estimating the effect of participation in MomsFirst on low birth weight, prematurity, and infant mortality.

### **Care management of the Medicaid member: An important strategy in preterm birth rate reduction, Dr. Brad Lucas, Buckeye Community Health Plan, Location #21**

Buckeye's Start Smart for Your Baby® program for members who are pregnant, considering pregnancy or recently pregnant began in 2007. One of the program goals is to lower the rates of preterm delivery. Since the outset the key principles to reach success have been robust care management, culturally competent education, and care after pregnancy that helps Mother and family prepare best for future pregnancies. The poster demonstrates success in this measure.

### **Preventing Premature Birth Recurrence: Have We Made Progress in Provider Knowledge of Progesterone, Dr. Elena Rossi, Akron Children's Hospital, Location #22**

Preterm birth is the leading cause of neonatal mortality in the US. Progesterone (PG) supplementation has been shown to decrease the risk of recurrent preterm birth by 35-45% in certain patients. In 2014, we surveyed PG knowledge of maternal and child providers. After extensive educational efforts the providers in Akron and Youngstown, Ohio region were resurveyed on their knowledge of PG and birth spacing.

### **Increase Birth Spacing to Reduce Infant Mortality, Dr. Elena Rossi, Akron Children's Hospital, Location #23**

In 2015, MY Baby's 1st Mahoning Youngstown Infant Mortality Coalition surveyed maternal and child health providers and women of childbearing age who were clients of three home visiting programs on their knowledge of birth spacing recommendations and Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC). Data collected from the survey will direct future community educational efforts for providers and clients.

### **Mother Child Dependency Program: a program for expectant moms who use opiates, Cindy Pisano, Mercy Health Children's Hospital, Location #24**

The poster provides information on the Mother Child Dependency Program at Mercy Health Children's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. Launched in 2014, the program serves expectant moms who use opiates. The program has been very successful in reducing infant mortality. Of the 66 babies born into the program, 8% have been born addicted to illegal drugs. There have been three stillbirths and two miscarriages. 93% of babies have been born at 37 weeks or later.

**Cleveland Cuyahoga Partnership, Angela Newman White, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Location #25**

Describes process and outcomes for implementation of upstream and downstream strategies to address prematurity as part of the Ohio Equity Institute. The local effort included increasing capacity for Centering Pregnancy to provide support to women during pregnancy and increase access to long acting reversible contraception to decrease unplanned pregnancies.

**The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC): Improving Perinatal Health in Ohio, Lakshmi Prasad, Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative, Location #26**

The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC) is a statewide network dedicated to improving perinatal health across Ohio. With expert guidance from Ohio's perinatal providers, OPQC uses improvement science to engage teams to learn from one another and make improvements in specific topic areas. Currently, 23 Outpatient and 20 Inpatient OB Clinics are participating in OPQC's Progesterone Project, along with a pilot of 5 Federally Qualified Health Centers. There are 52 Level II and III Special Care Nurseries and NICUs participating in OPQC's Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Project. OPQC's newest project, the NICU Graduates Project, engages all 6 Ohio Children's Hospital Association hospitals.

**Progress of a Statewide Progesterone Promotion Program in Ohio, Lakshmi Prasad, Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative, Location #27**

The aim of the OPQC Progesterone Project is to reduce the rate of births less than 37 weeks gestation by 10% and births less than 32 weeks gestation by 10% in Ohio by increasing the screening, identification, and treatment of pregnant women at risk for preterm birth who will benefit from progesterone therapy. OPQC has worked with 23 obstetrics outpatient clinics affiliated with Ohio's 20 largest maternity hospitals to implement evidence-informed strategies to identify and treat women at risk for PTB.





## Promoting Optimal Infant Health, During and After Pregnancy

### **Newborn Screening in Ohio - 50 Years of Saving Babies!, Anna Starr, Ohio Department of Health, Location #28**

This poster will highlight the three newborn screening programs in Ohio - bloodspot, hearing and critical congenital heart disease. The poster will include a history of newborn screening and data from all 3 newborn screening programs. Specific data analyses between the programs may also be included.

### **Safe Sleep: It's More than a "Blanket" Statement, Marianne Marinelli, Grant Medical Center Ohio Health, Location #29**

Infant mortality in Ohio is among the worst in the nation. Since 1992, despite local and national efforts to increase awareness of safe sleep practices, no appreciable progress has been made. Every week three babies die here due to unsafe sleep environments. The purpose of this initiative is to give children the opportunity to grow up and reach their fullest potential by eliminating death and injury due to unsafe sleeping conditions.

### **African American Healthy Mom & Baby Program, Susan Conover, Cuyahoga County WIC Program, Location #30**

University Hospitals MacDonald Women's Hospital and Cuyahoga County Women, Infants and Children Program (CCWP) share the goal of National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), "Reducing Disparities in Breastfeeding through Peer and Professional Lactation Support" program to increase breastfeeding initiation, duration, and exclusivity among African American and underserved populations in our community and across the United States. Lack of breastfeeding support can lead to a decision not to breastfeed or early cessation.

### **Bringing Safe Sleep Practices into a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU): A Quality Improvement Project, Courtney Hamilton, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Location #31**

Infants in our community are dying of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUIDS). Additionally, preterm infants are especially vulnerable to risk factors associated with SIDS/SUIDS. In order to impact the number of sleep-related infant deaths, it is critical to provide a consistent and repetitive message about infant sleep safety. For preterm infants, the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) is an ideal setting for caregivers to begin the message of safe sleep.

### **Nurse Family Partnership, Rachel Chon, Nurse Family Partnership at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Location #32**

Nurse Family Partnership is an evidence-based public health program that sends Registered Nurses to the homes of first-time, vulnerable mothers. As a participant in the program, mothers receive visits from specially trained nurses beginning in pregnancy and on a frequent basis until their child is 2 years old. Goals of the program are to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child safety and development, and promote the self-efficacy of mothers in their community.

### **Safe Sleep During Breastfeeding: Why is this Issue Still Controversial? Linda J. Smith, Department of Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University, Location #33**

Over 75% of breastfeeding mothers bed-share with their babies at least part of the night. The lowest rates of SIDS and SUDI are found in the exclusive breastfeeding populations in Ohio, the US and worldwide. Safe-Sleep messages may not consider the intimate physical contact inherent in breastfeeding. "Never bed-share" messages lead to bed sharing on unsafe surfaces such as couches, with increased risk for smothering as a result. Conversations about safety are needed.

### **Safe sleep during breastfeeding: Why is this Issue Still Controversial? Mary (Libby) Svoboda, University Hospitals MacDonald Women's Hospital, Location #34**

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends breastfeeding because it positively impacts infant health outcomes. Our health system interdisciplinary teams of health care professionals collaborate to meet needs of expectant mothers in outpatient and high risk settings. Community programs offer ongoing support. Inpatient lactation support services are



provided for well maternal-infant dyads and hospitalized infants and children. Lactation management research has been completed. Our physicians and nurses are strong breastfeeding advocates on local and state levels.

**Decreasing Length of Stay for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Babies: One Unit's Journey, Amy Thomas, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Location #35**

In 2009, Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) developed a taskforce of representatives from all of its Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) to work on decreasing the length of stay of babies diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). This poster describes the interventions employed by one of the NICUs within the NCH system to decrease the length of stay of babies diagnosed with NAS.

**Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Healthy Communities Baby Shower, Monica Peace, United Healthcare Community Plan, Location #36**

Statewide Community Baby Showers aim to educate and empower families in order to improve birth outcomes and mom and baby's health. Educational sessions include nutrition, safe sleep, prenatal care, breastfeeding, car seat use, smoking cessation, brain building exercises, financial literacy, infant CPR and more. Providers as well as community agencies provide valuable resources. Raffle prizes are given away providing essential baby items to give babies a good start and comfort to mom. Fun activities increased chances of winning gifts.

**Centering Pregnancy in the First Year: Barriers, Successes and Lessons Learned, Nicole Parish, Mercy Health Youngstown, Location #37**

This poster will describe the development of a Centering Pregnancy program in our hospital-based clinic (Mercy Health Youngstown in Mahoning County) as an initiative to address infant mortality. The poster will focus on the development of the program, barriers faced, and successes of the program as of the program's one year anniversary.

**Implementing an Education Program to Increase Breastfeeding in Neonates Diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, Gail A. Bagwell, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Location #38**

This poster describes an educational program that was developed for pregnant women in a substance abuse treatment program on the importance and benefits of breastfeeding babies diagnosed with neonatal abstinence. Pre and post-tests and breastfeeding tract were administered to both groups of participants and of the women who delivered during the study period.

**Quality Improvement Intervention to Promote Maternal Smoking Cessation in the Newborn Period, Anuja Sriparameswaran, Nationwide Children's Hospital/OSU Wexner Medical Center, Location #39**

This presentation depicts an important role pediatricians play in addressing safe sleep in infants in the mother infant unit. Second and third hand smoke exposure is a risk factor for sleep related infant death, and it shows how pediatricians can address this issue while caring for the newborn in the nursery. This can be achieved by reiterating safe sleep practice and educating parents on the harmful effects of second and third hand smoke exposure. If a mother accepts the program they are referred to get the help needed to quit or cut back tobacco use. If they did not express interest, this is a great opportunity bring attention to sleep related infant death and second and third hand smoke exposure.

**Results of a Quality Improvement Program to Improve Safe Sleep Behaviors within Ohio Birthing and Children's Hospitals, Hayley Southworth, Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Location #40**

Hospitalist participation in a QI program within nine hospitals in Ohio improved safe sleep practices for infants. Modeling of safe sleep increased from 49.8% to 68.5% after one year of program implementation. Hospital safe sleep policies and education of families and staff were key factors in this improvement. Demonstrating these behaviors in the hospital setting may lead to more appropriate safe sleep practices at home, potentially resulting in fewer sleep-related deaths in Ohio.



**Breast for Success - A Community-Academic Collaboration to Improve Breastfeeding Rates Among African-American Women in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Lydia Furman, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Department of Pediatrics, Division of General Academic Pediatrics, Location #41**

Breast for Success is a culturally competent breastfeeding intervention targeted at high risk African-American expectant women, and was initially "piggybacked" onto a Community Health Worker-based Healthy Start home visiting program. Breast for Success is a community-academic collaboration involving Cleveland Department of Public Health MomsFirst™ Program, Community Endeavors Foundation, Inc. and Department of Pediatrics Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. The program can be generalized to other similar populations, and the contents are free and available online.

**Centering Pregnancy: Improving Outcomes for the Opiate Addicted Pregnant Women, Karen Frantz, Summa Health, Location #42**

Opiate addiction in pregnancy has become a national health crisis. Pregnant women who are using opiates during their pregnancy are posing substantial risk to the health of their pregnancy and their child. We implemented a Centering Pregnancy® curriculum to meet the demands of a high-risk opiate addicted pregnant population.

**Association of Maternal Demographic Characteristics with Breastfeeding of Low Birth Weight Infants in Ohio in 2012, Saint Louis University School of Medicine/ Wright State University Master of Public Health Program, Location #43**

This is a scientific poster that is an analysis of low birth weight babies to determine the association of maternal demographics with breastfeeding in Ohio in 2012.





## Promoting Fatherhood Involvement in Maternal and Child Health

### **Engaging Inner-City Fathers/Partners in Breastfeeding Education, Dr. Lydia Furman, Department of Pediatrics, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Location #44**

We sought to engage inner-city fathers and partners in breastfeeding education, and used a “father-friendly” curriculum delivered by a non-medical educator in a community setting. The curriculum was adapted to address fathers directly and was conducted during evening hours, with transportation provided and a Resource Specialist available to address non-breastfeeding social service needs of men attending. Fathers and partners were receptive to breastfeeding education, and asked good questions, with gains in self-reported knowledge. The curriculum is available free online.

### **New Beginnings for New Fathers: Fathers Keep Babies Healthy and Safe, Elena Martinez, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood/ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Location #45**

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood/ODJFS developed the New Beginnings for New Fathers (NBNF) program which was one of 39 programs nationwide, to be awarded a \$10 million grant under the federal Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood initiative. NBNF is designed to help fathers strengthen their relationships, improve long-term economic stability for vulnerable families, and overcome barriers that prohibit fathers from being effective and nurturing parents. NBNF strives to educate fathers on the importance of participating in prenatal health/childbirth preparation events, “ABC’s of Safe Sleep”, breastfeeding and appropriate birth-spacing in an effort to eliminate infant mortality. “Fathers keep babies healthy and safe” – New Beginnings for New Fathers.

### **Genetic & Preconception Hemoglobinopathy Counseling and Testing For Fathers, Cynthia L. Moon, West Central Ohio Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, Location #46**

Genetic and preconception counseling and testing for hemoglobinopathies are vital considering the U.S. statistics on infant mortality rates. In fact, most reproductive clinics offer expectant mothers testing before, during and between pregnancies. However, expectant fathers are left out of the equation. In an effort to reduce the incidence of babies being born with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), it is vital for fathers to be included in genetic and preconception counseling and testing for sickle cell and hemoglobinopathies.

### **A Community of Committed Men: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Fatherhood Infant Safe Sleep Initiative, Dr. Stacy D. Scott, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Location #47**

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is working through its membership to promote safe Infant sleep practices among parents, caregivers and particularly fathers in an effort to reduce the risk of sudden unexpected infant death focusing on the African American Communities. This session will highlight the details of the initiative focusing on the development of this national partnership and its effort to achieve equity in birth outcomes throughout the United States, focusing on Ohio activities.

### **Ohio Equity Institute - Infant Mortality Branding & Marketing Campaign Agency, DAR Public Relations, Inc., Dannette Render, Location #48**

DAR is a certified MBE/FBE/DBE/WOSB integrated marketing/public relations firm headquartered in Solon, Ohio, with a satellite office in Washington, D.C. DAR has established an extensive clientele focusing on public relations, marketing, special events, conference/meeting planning, community relations, media relations, and public/community involvement bringing over three decades of expertise. DAR’s experience includes providing services to numerous high profile organizations, major corporations and government agencies on a local, regional, statewide and national basis.

### **Motherhood Sisterhood 216: An online peer support community to serve three Cleveland neighborhoods, Rebecca Gallant, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, Location #49**

In 2016, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, with support from the National Birth Equity Collaborative and Twist Creative, convened focus groups of expectant and new mothers from the three Cleveland neighborhoods with the highest infant mortality rates. This poster describes mothers’ personal and community experiences, as well as awareness and perceptions of current and potential communications campaigns to support better birth outcomes in the Central, Kinsman and Slavic Village neighborhoods.





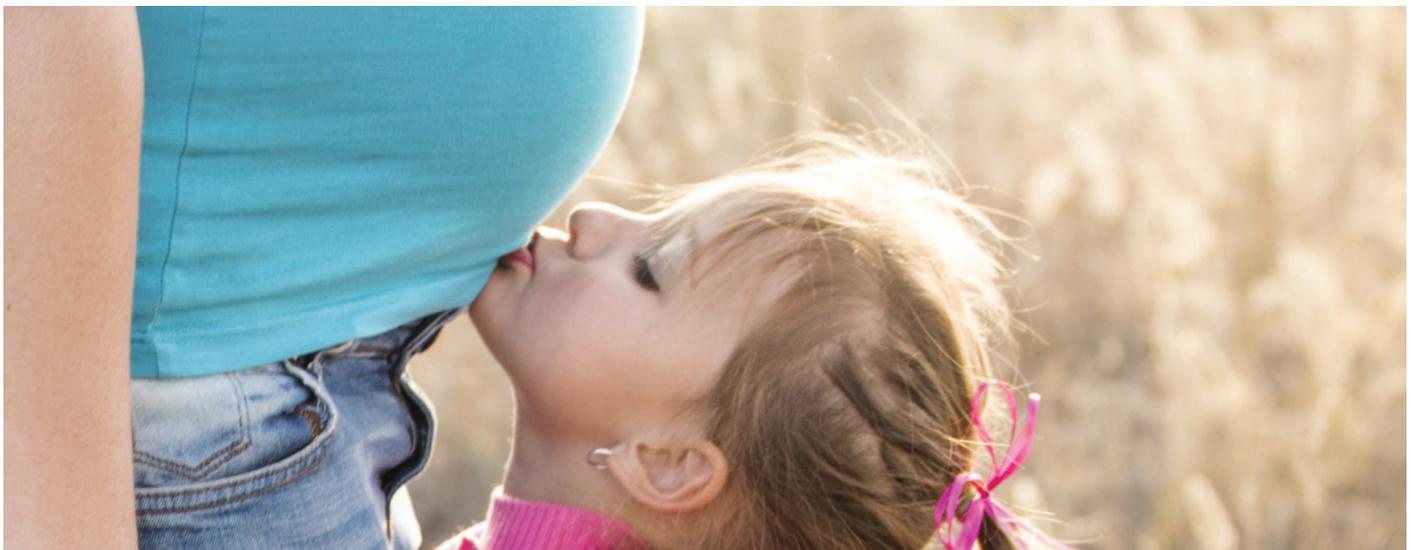
## Preventing Birth Defects

### **Changing Infant Outcomes: The Effects of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure, Grace Kolliesuah, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services/State of Ohio Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Steering Committee, Location #50**

Annually, 40,000 babies are born prenatally exposed to alcohol. The State of Ohio's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Steering Committee continues their advocacy to educate families on the impact of alcohol use during pregnancy. FASD is the ONLY neurodevelopmental disorder that is 100% preventable. The committee's efforts continue to raise awareness and collaborate with agencies in securing resources, intervention and diagnostic care for families in Ohio.



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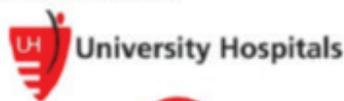
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