**Performance Measure 18:** Percent of infants born to pregnant women receiving prenatal care beginning in the first trimester.

**Last Year's Accomplishments**

The target for CY06 was 88.5 percent. Based on final birth data for 2006, the actual percent of infants born to pregnant women receiving prenatal care beginning in the first trimester was 72.7. Ohio did not meet its target. 2007 data are not available. NOTE: In the switch to the NCHS 2003 birth certificate standard, 26% of the entry into care data are missing. The revised standard also requires collection of data using a different methodology, accounting for some of the discrepancy between years.

A. Assure that all DFCHS funded programs interacting with women of childbearing age focus on populations at greatest risk for early entry into prenatal care.

DFCHS funded programs incorporated language in their Requests for Proposals to help local grantees focus on populations at greatest risk. The Perinatal Periods of Risk was updated for Ohio and the results were shared with DFCHS funded programs to assist them in identifying populations at greatest risk for poor birth outcomes. Child and Family Health Services (CFHS) projects that were in the process of evaluating their need to provide direct care services, were in the process of transitioning out of direct care services, or that were conducting a community health assessment were offered the opportunity to participate in an intensive technical assistance opportunity designed to identify populations at greatest risk and to identify appropriate interventions. As part of the Family Planning Needs Assessment process, data have been compiled for indicators related to family planning, birth outcomes, sexually transmitted diseases and other health related issues. These data are being used to demonstrate disparities and assist in the prioritization of need process. The priorities that result from this process will be used to target services to populations at greatest risk.

B. Provide technical assistance to DCFHS funded programs to strengthen referral and follow-up to activities between family planning services and prenatal care services and to ensure education to women about the importance of early entry into prenatal care.

ODH family planning programs provided referrals and other pregnancy related services to over 35,000 unduplicated clients. Data forms for 2008 were revised to record all post partum patients served by DCFHS funded family planning programs. Data forms from prenatal care services regarding patients referred from perinatal care to family planning services was revised to retrieve data from prenatal programs in 2008.

C. Assess the cultural competency and acceptability of family planning and prenatal care services in DCFHS funded programs.

Information submitted as part of RFP requirements concerning cultural competency for family planning and prenatal care services was reviewed by program consultants. Cultural competency

training, specifically on providing health care services to immigrants, was provided to Child and Family Health Services grantees.

D. Implement and evaluate a Division-wide Birth Outcomes Improvement Initiative (BOII).

Refer to State Performance Measure #2 (C)