

# Addressing Infant Mortality in Ohio

2011-2015



**2011:** Governor Kasich addresses infant mortality in Ohio in his first State of the State Address and makes reducing low birth-weight babies a priority.



**2013:** The 2014-15 state budget includes funding for a targeted campaign to educate parents, caregivers and healthcare providers about infant safe sleep practices.



**2013:** ODH partners with CityMatCH, a national organization that supports urban maternal and child health initiatives at the local level, to launch the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes to address racial and ethnic disparities.

**2013:** Ohio Medicaid negotiates new contracts with Medicaid managed care plans to include enhanced maternal care requirements for women at highest risk for poor pregnancy outcomes.

**2014:** Medicaid benefits are extended to more low-income Ohioans, providing additional low-income pregnant women with better access to medical care which is associated with better birth outcomes.

**2014:** ODH sponsors the Ohio Sudden Infant Death Network's "Safe Sleep Community Forums" around the state.



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2013 (Reporting Period)

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**2011:** The Governor's Office of Health Transformation, and other state agency partners initiate an unprecedented package of reforms to improve overall health system performance for pregnant women and infants.

**2012:** Ohio Medicaid adopts a Medicaid Family Planning State Plan Amendment to expand eligibility for family planning services for women and men up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.



**2013:** The 2014-15 state budget includes funding to connect women of reproductive age to the tools, training and assistance needed to quit smoking.

**2013:** The Progesterone Quality Improvement Project launches to improve birth outcomes for Medicaid recipients by encouraging wider use of progesterone treatment.



**2013:** The state launches the Maternal Opiate Medical Support Project (MOMS) to link such pregnant women with treatment which is associated with improved neurocognitive outcomes in infants of opiate-addicted mothers.

**2013:** Governor Kasich signs Senate Bill 4 into law requiring hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to screen all newborns for congenital heart defects for early diagnosis and treatment.

**2014:** Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes teams identify evidence-based interventions to address highest risk populations in targeted areas.

**2014:** ODH and the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality host the second biannual statewide Infant Mortality Summit.



**2015:** Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes teams launch evidence-based interventions to address highest risk populations in targeted areas.

**2015:** ODH launches "Centering Pregnancy" healthcare delivery model in four community health centers to improve birth and infant health outcomes in high-risk communities.

