

# Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality

## Health Care Coordination Committee

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# Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI)

## Goal of Presentation:

Provide an overview of the **Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI)**  
Perinatal Service Coordination  
Program



# How are our children doing?

Infant mortality is one of the most important indicators of the health of a nation, as it is associated with a variety of factors such as maternal health, quality and access to medical care, socioeconomic conditions, and public health practices.”

*CDC, NCHS Data Brief, October,*



# Good Birth Outcome



# ODH Commitment to Addressing Infant Mortality



# Where are We going?

- ▶ The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."

Lao Tzu



# History Of OIMRI Program

- ▶ Fiscal Year 1992 – State and federal funds
- ▶ Funding: Maternal and Child Health Block Grant



# What is infant mortality?

- ▶ Infant Mortality – the death of a live born infant before 365 days of age
- ▶ Infant Mortality Rate – the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births



# Overall OIMRI Goals

- ❖ To reduce racial/ethnic disparities among African American and/or minorities in perinatal and infant mortality, low and very low birth weights
- ❖ To increase early entry into prenatal care
- ❖ To increase utilization of routine infant health care



# OIMRI Priority Populations

- ▶ Low-income women, children and families in racial and ethnic groups that are disproportionately affected by poor health outcomes
- ▶ Geographic areas and populations of highest need





# Community Health Worker



# Defintion of Community Health Worker in Ohio

- ▶ The Community Health Worker (CHW) is a trained advocate from the targeted community who empowers individuals to access community resources through education, outreach, home visits, and referrals.
  - ▶ The CHW provides a cultural link to community resources, through family-centered services that focus on achieving success in health, education, and self-sufficiency.
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# Community Health Worker I Training Sample Curriculum

Buckeye College, Buckeye County, OH

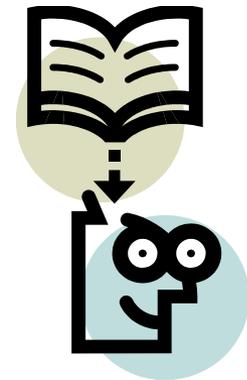
Health Sciences Division: Human Services  
Program 18 Credits

- ▶ Module I: Community Health Worker I Core Competencies



# Licensure of CHWs

- ▶ Licensure of community health workers (CHW) was achieved from HB 95 in 2003 under the Ohio Board of Nursing
- ▶ CHW laws and rules: Section 3723.81 Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 4723-26, Ohio Administrative Code



# What does the OIMRI CHW do?

## Perinatal service coordination

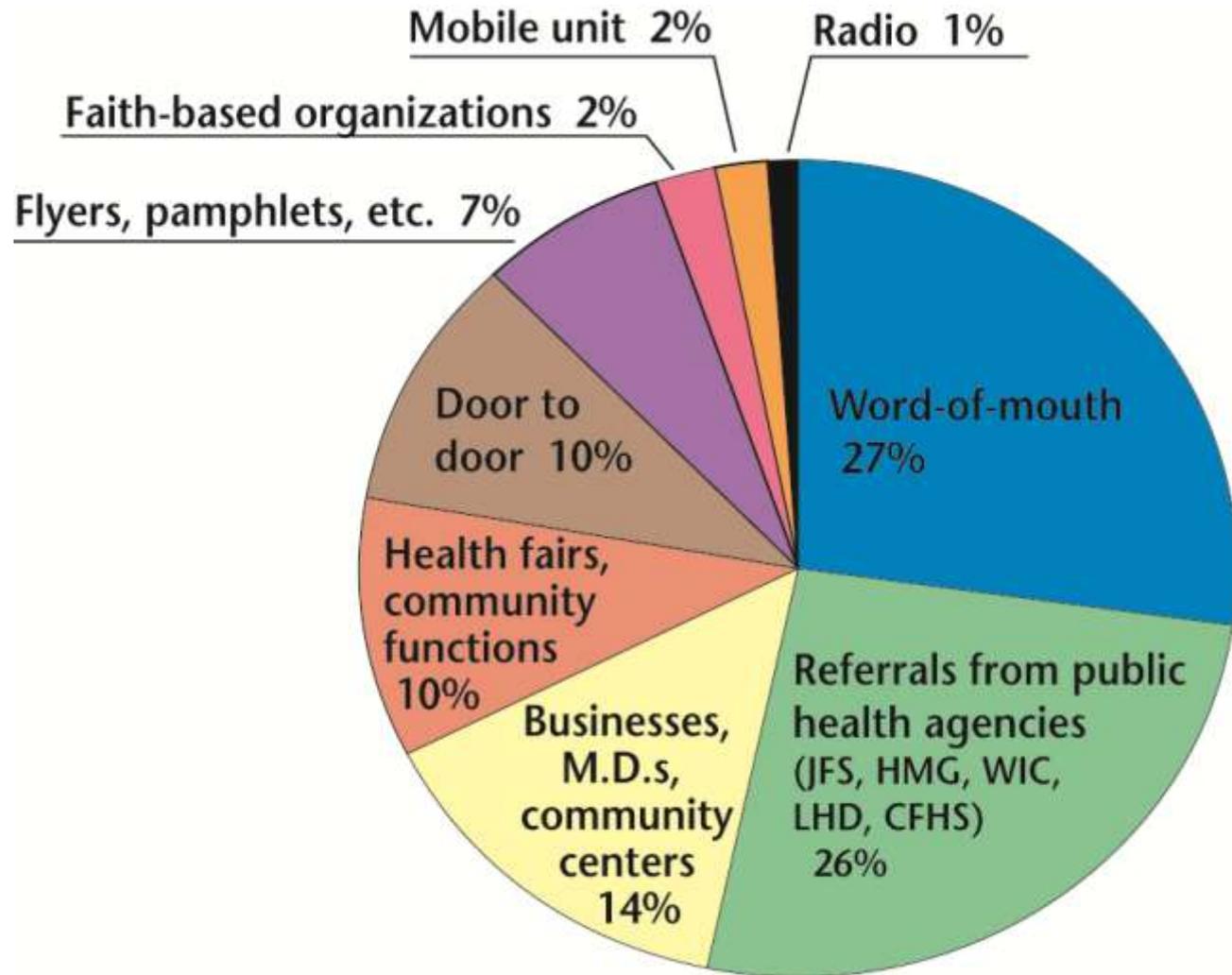
❖ Outreach

❖ Case Management

❖ Home Visiting & Care Coordination



# Type of Outreach



# What does the OIMRI CHW do?

- ▶ Conducts case finding (outreach through family-centered services)
- ▶ Makes home visits on a regular basis (during pregnancy and through the baby's second year of life)
- ▶ Provide a cultural link to the community and to community resources
- ▶ Identifies and reinforces risk reduction behaviors



# What does the OIMRI CHW do?

- ▶ Identifies and works with the client's strengths
- ▶ Methodically engages the client in incorporating life-changing behaviors
- ▶ Collaborates with other agencies in making appropriate referrals to assure positive pregnancy and infant health outcomes



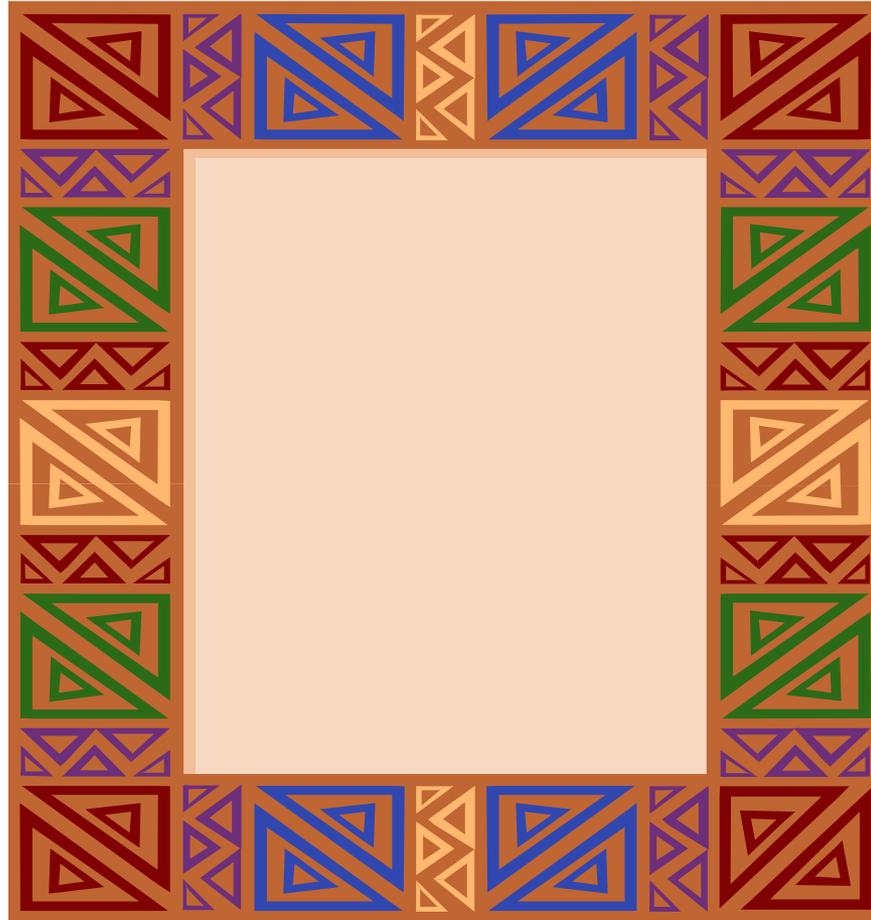
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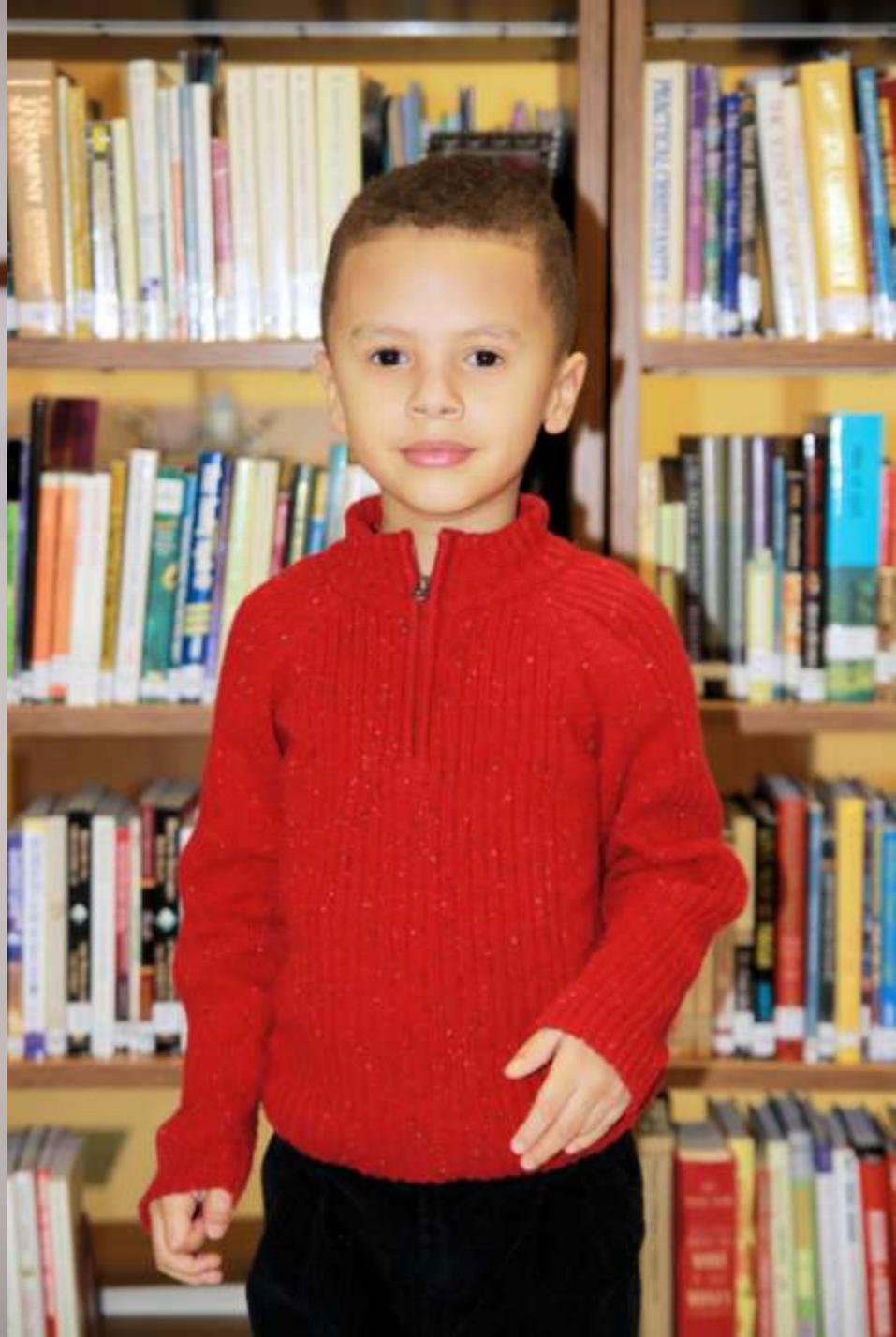


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So, what will We do?



Q & A



**Thank-You!!!**

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