Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative
2015 Collaborative Grants Grantees

● BOOTHEEL ● ST. LOUIS

Affinia Healthcare
Coordinating Prenatal and Infant Care

Affinia Healthcare will combat infant mortality in zip codes 63106 and 63107 by coordinating care activities with two organizations (Nurses for Newborns and Raising St. Louis) who provide services for perinatal and infant care in St. Louis City, in order to increase care and reduce duplication of services.

⊕ **Michelle Radomski,** *mradomski@affiniahealthcare.org*

Gibson Recovery Center, Inc.
START NOW (Substance Abuse Treatment and Referral Team for Neonatal, Obstetrics and Women's Care)

START NOW will integrate obstetric care with substance treatment for pregnant women. This project will provide women with access to services and support to have a tobacco and substance-free pregnancy, leading to healthier babies.

⊕ **Ryan Essex,** *essexr@gibsonrecovery.org*

Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club
Healthy Babies, Children & Families

Mathews-Dickey is aligning with Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership, City Academy and Girls, Inc. to expand Healthy Babies, Children & Families into a cross-agency initiative focused on preconception health. We'll engage youth voices to cite and address infant vitality issues/interventions.

⊕ **Bill Fronczak,** *bfronczak@mathews-dickey.com*

Mississippi County Regional Juvenile Detention Center
Girls Circle Group

This project expands the existing Girls Circle Group (GCG), an evidence-based model program curriculum, to additional communities in the Bootheel. The group focuses on the at-risk juvenile population, both in detention and in the community on probation, with an emphasis on health, prenatal care, infant mortality issues, sexual issues, relationships and enhancing decision-making skills.

⊕ **Kevin Hess,** *Kevin.Hess@courts.mo.gov*

Nurses for Newborns Foundation
Reducing Infant Mortality Through Infrastructure Enhancements

This project enhances NFN's information management capacity so that it can: effectively use information to help over 2500 Missouri infants annually; tailor visiting services to cultural and other issues of the underserved targeted populations and implement a pilot infrastructure enhancement between NFN and Our Lady's Inn to facilitate collective impact.

⊕ **Angela Recktenwald,** *Angela.Recktenwald@nfnf.org*

Our Lady's Inn
Our Lady's Inn Evaluation Project

Our Lady's Inn (OLI) will continue technical assistance with monitoring a newly developed, cutting-edge data collection system and a newly designed Performance Measurement Plan that will enhance OLI's capacity to evaluate its programs to 1) improve OLI services and 2) provide sophisticated data and learning for collective impact.

⊕ **Peggy Forrest,** *pforrest@ourladysinn.org*

Pemiscot County Initiative Network
Families Support Project (FSP)

The Families Support Project is a group of 15 agencies that meet monthly to deliver direct services to families. The referred families receive services utilizing the evidence-based Lead Agent Model and a Care Plan to link families and resources to reduce or prevent infant mortality and child abuse/neglect to our community.

⊕ **Clay Snider,** *csnider@cooter.k12.mo.us*

Queen of Peace Center
Parenting Education Program

The Parenting Education Program (PEP) will provide behavioral health services to pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders. The program will provide group-based and in-home education to increase parenting competence, reduce maternal psychosocial and behavioral risks that could interfere with effective parenting and promote healthy infant and toddler emotional and social adjustment; before, during and after pregnancy.

⊕ **Jessica Chou,** *jchou@ccstl.org*

Southeast Missouri State University
Southeast Teen Outreach & Pregnancy Prevention Initiative

This experientially based three-tier project provides a prescribed set of sexual health and pregnancy prevention education to middle and junior high schools, community organizations and churches. Currently there are no comprehensive pregnancy prevention programs serving this population. Using simulators makes this a REALity experience, with Real challenges, about Real choices.

⊕ **Tameika Morris,** *tmorris@semo.edu*

SSM St. Mary's Health Center
Project Connect

Project Connect will enhance St. Louis-area maternity care for at-risk pregnant and postpartum women, including those with heroin addiction. It will include behavioral-health and common-needs screening, assessment and support, as well as addiction care. The project will yield a scalable, replicable approach to maternity care for at-risk women.

⊕ **Dee Burke,** *Dee_Burke@ssmhc.com*

St. Francis Community Services
Family PRIDE

The goal of St. Francis Community Services' Family PRIDE (Parental Resources, Infant Development, Environment) 13-week educational program is full-term pregnancy without unnecessary interventions, the delivery of a healthy baby, and a healthy postpartum period supporting the physical and emotional needs of the mother, baby, and family. This project will support an evaluation of the PRIDE program.

⊕ **Laura Lamb,** *llamb@ccstl.org*

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Resources, Inc.
Enabling Safe Sleep

SIDS Resources will collaborate with two other organizations in order to better enable professionals and parents to implement safe sleep for babies. Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital will identify and appoint safe sleep champions in each unit who will participate in "train the trainer" safe sleep trainings given by SIDS Resources. Staff compliance sampling will take place as well as ongoing communication to ensure the delivery of consistent messaging/teaching to parents and caregivers. The St. Louis City Department of Health (DOH) will work with SIDS Resources to identify which licensed child care providers are in need of training (now mandated by law), and prioritize such training. The DOH will provide the services of their epidemiologist to work with SIDS Resources to oversee data collection of the Pack-n-Play program and tracking of the top concerns of pregnant women in the program.

⊕ **Lori Behrens,** *lbehrens@sidsresources.org*