



Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative

Implementation Grants Grantee Contact Information

● BOOTHEEL ● ST. LOUIS

Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation

Reducing the Risk of Infant Mortality

Training and education will increase knowledge of two leading causes of infant mortality, including shaken baby syndrome and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Parents will learn about safe sleep arrangements and demonstrate correct positioning of their baby. Parents will have increased knowledge about normal infant crying and safe ways to cope.

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Gibson Recovery Center, Inc.

Professional Referral and Infant Mortality Education

Professional Referral and Infant Mortality Education will serve to educate and form alliances with community partners to ensure that women who are at risk of becoming or are currently pregnant are receiving adequate screening for substance abuse and mental health to reduce the incidents of infant mortality.

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Affinia Healthcare

Better Care, Healthier Babies

Better Care, Healthier Babies is a comprehensive health education project for pregnant women, new mothers and infant caregivers. There will be a series of three different half-day health education sessions held at various Grace Hill sites. Participants will be invited to attend according to stage of pregnancy.

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Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club

Healthy Babies, Children & Families Program

Mathews-Dickey is designing a Healthy Babies, Children & Families program that will leverage its experience and success in working with youth, parents and the community to tackle the issue of infant mortality via an infotainment series, social marketing campaign and direct-service programming.

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Mississippi County Regional Juvenile Detention Center Girls Circle Group

Circle Group will present the evidence based model program curriculum entitled “Girls Circle” to referred females, ages 12–17, in its detention center and from local communities in both Scott and Mississippi Counties with an emphasis on health, sexual issues, relationships and enhancing their decision-making skills.

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Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. Preconception Health in the Missouri Bootheel

This project aims to counsel clients on preconception health and provide multivitamins containing folic acid in order to improve health during the preconception stage. Preconception health counseling provides a mechanism to assess the biomedical, behavioral and social risks to female health before a pregnancy occurs, thereby improving infant mortality.

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Nurses for Newborns Collaborating So Southside Infants Flourish

Building upon the documented success of Nurses for Newborns and Family Care Health Centers in reducing infant mortality, this project creates a model of collaborative case management and integrated services that engages congregational, school and community partners in culturally accepted identification, referral, support and care of infants at highest risk.

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

Our Lady's Inn (OLI) is seeking support to address a significant need for technical assistance, information technology solutions and capacity building that will equip OLI with the technology to assess and evaluate all of our program and service data including case management, nursing, therapy and after care.

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Parents as Teachers National Center (St. Louis & Bootheel) Parents as Teachers and Healthy Births: A Life Course Perspective

Parents as Teachers National Center already has a presentation about infant mortality and staff members who present at conferences around the country. This proposal is to adapt the presentation's 12-point approach to reducing infant mortality to be used as part of the Parents as Teachers' group meeting strategy.

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Saint Francis Medical Center

Caring for Newborns and Their Families Battling Drug Withdrawal

The Level III NICU at Saint Francis Medical Center will improve care of infants and families with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. Internal staff training and outreach education to referring hospitals, providers and families will optimize assessment and treatment of infants suffering from prescription and illegal drug withdrawal.

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Saint Louis University (St. Louis & Bootheel)

Using Women's Voices To Raise Awareness About Infant Mortality Among Non-Traditional Gatekeepers

This proposal aims to engage new community partners (i.e., non-traditional gatekeepers) in the collective impact efforts and to address many of the social determinants that are up stream of the high infant mortality rates.

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SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center

Special Needs Tracking & Awareness Response System

The purpose of S.T.A.R.S. is to create a tracking and awareness system for children with special health care needs and to provide specialized training for Cardinal Glennon's EMS partners to so that they can provide safe and appropriate care to these children.

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SSM St. Mary's Health Center

Weaving Together Support for At-Risk Women Before, During and After Pregnancy

Through an enhanced partnership involving SSM St. Mary's Health Center, Saint Louis University and Nurses for Newborns, a pilot project will be developed that will integrate in-home support into Centering Pregnancy, thereby improving birth outcomes and the first year of life for infants of at-risk St. Louis mothers.

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Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Resources, Inc.

Assessing new strategies to fight infant death

This project consists of collaborating with urban churches to perform Safe Sleep skits and to recruit Safe Sleep Champion volunteers. Additionally, community presentations and Train the Trainer education sessions will be conducted. Assessment of all strategies will be performed by an Evaluation Consultant, including new curricula language. SIDS Resources will also conduct "train the trainer" programs to educate other professionals about teaching safe sleep and will provide "Smoking, Baby and You" education sessions to at risk populations.

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Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center

Getting WIC'D and Connected

The goal of the Getting WIC'd and Connected program is to reduce infant mortality in Mississippi County by 4 percent and increase WIC participation by 15 percent within one year by providing transportation for 130 female heads of household that are WIC eligible, to attend WIC appointments, get groceries and attend prenatal appointments.

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YMCA of Southeast Missouri

Healthy Babies, Healthy Families

Healthy Babies, Healthy Families is a program developed by the YMCA of Southeast Missouri and its partners. The purpose of this collaborative program is to reduce infant mortality rates and will be achieved through a two-fold approach, education and healthy lifestyles components.

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