

Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative



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.

⊕ **Sha Neice Hinton**, shinton@affiniahealthcare.org

American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest

Smokefree Families, Healthier Babies

ALA will provide smoking cessation to 150 household members of pregnant women and infants and 300 women of childbearing age and pregnant women; train key partners in smoking cessation systems change; and train members of the FLOURISH community about smoking cessation interventions in the context of infant mortality prevention.

⊕ **Ms. Laura Turner**, laura.turner@lung.org

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis

PREP (Peer Resources and Engagement for Pregnant Women)

The PREP project builds upon pre-established relationships in the faith community in areas with high infant mortality rates. Through partnership with the Perinatal Behavioral Health Initiative, BHN will utilize peers to reduce stigma, enhance awareness, and through intensive outreach and engagement link pregnant women to early behavioral and perinatal healthcare.

⊕ **Mrs. Wendy Orson**, worson@bhnstl.org

Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation (RHF)

Infant Mortality - Reducing the Risk

RHF will positively impact factors that contribute to infant mortality by focusing on the strategic priority areas of pre- and post-natal care and safe sleep. Prenatal and postpartum women will have increased knowledge to adequately care for themselves and their infants during and after pregnancy and the resources to create safe sleep environments.

⊕ **Melinda Sweeney**, melindasweeneym2m@sbcglobal.net



Family Counseling Center, Inc. Project WIN

Project WIN will create enhanced access and availability to necessary behavioral health care options for pregnant women. The project will promote recovery and wellness for women and their children with outreach, engagement, screenings, comprehensive assessments, counseling and care coordination, and linkage that meets their unique wellness needs.

⊕ **Tommy Allgood**, tommya@fccinc.org

Great Circle Healthy Families St. Louis Expansion

Great Circle will expand Healthy Families St. Louis to address FLOURISH priorities, focusing on (1) inefficiencies resulting from disconnected services for vulnerable, high-risk women and infants; (2) limited capacity to deliver relationship-driven in-home support for women; (3) service gaps for mothers' unique behavioral health needs, including trauma or post-partum depression.

⊕ **Mr. John Robertson**, john.robertson@greatcircle.org

Kingdom House Maternal Mental Health

Kingdom House will provide bilingual perinatal mental health services for Latina women co-located at a child care facility and a legal services agency. The project will enhance trauma-informed, culturally responsive interventions that strengthen mental health, enhance coping skills, and facilitate mother-child bonding.

⊕ **Mr. Scott Walker**, swalker@kingdomhouse.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. They will engage youth voices to cite and address infant vitality issues/interventions.

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

Missouri Delta Medical Center Latch, Love, Live

Missouri Delta will increase the number of women choosing to breastfeed their babies by offering a certified lactation consultant to patients, educating providers and constituents, updating its childbirth education classes and working with area health departments to provide a breastpump lending library to women.

⊕ **Melissa Kelley**, mkelley@missouridelta.com



New Madrid County Human Resources Council Right from the Start - Safe Sleep Initiative

Right from the Start will offer parenting classes, safe sleep options, and education surrounding safe sleep practices and substance abuse prevention in pregnant and/or parenting mothers and fathers in select communities.

⊕ **Tonya Vannasdall**, tonya@nmcfamilyresourcecenter.com

Nurses for Newborns Foundation Growing Expectations

This project collaboratively aligns teen parents and high-risk obstetrics, centering the pregnancy and antepartum programs of Barnes Hospital and the prenatal care services provided by the clinics of Affinia Health with Nurses for Newborns in-home nurse visitation in order to improve birth outcomes and reduce the risk for infant death.

⊕ **Ron Tompkins**, ron.tompkins@nursesfornewborns.org

Parents as Teachers National Center Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative

The project will create a greater awareness about prenatal care and infant sleep safety among a population at high risk for infant mortality and better connect these families to the medical system so that ultimately, infant safety increases.

⊕ **Ms. Constance Gully**, constance.gully@parentsasteachers.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 the community.

⊕ **Cyndi House**, chouse@famiessupportproject.com

Saint Francis Foundation First Birthday Project: Safe Sleep, Safe Baby

In accordance with the 2011 American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines on reducing the risk of SIDS and sleep-related deaths, Saint Francis Healthcare System proposes an innovative safe sleeping initiative. A highlight of this pilot project is the introduction of sleep boxes as a safe sleeping environment to Bootheel mothers of newborns.

⊕ **Christy LeGrand**, cslegrand@sfmc.net



Saint Louis University Bridge for St. Louis

This project works to create a lasting, systems-level partnership between pediatricians, obstetricians, social workers, and family navigators collectively dedicated to ensuring access, continuity, and a mental-health focus accompanied by high-quality medical care. This work will impact women, children, and families across St. Louis City and County for years to come.

⊕ **Matthew Broom**, broomma@slu.edu

Saint Louis University Centering in the Bootheel: Education, Awareness, and Readiness

This project will raise awareness and knowledge about CenteringPregnancy in the Bootheel, identify barriers to implementing CenteringPregnancy in a rural setting, and identify up to four sites and their readiness to implement CenteringPregnancy.

⊕ **Dr. Pamela Xaverius**, pxaverius@slu.edu

SoutheastHEALTH Foundation Building Blocks of Missouri Southeast/Nurse-Family Partnership

SoutheastHEALTH will implement an evidenced based program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers through home visiting. The project will focus on patients with a history of preterm or low birth weight infants, substance abuse, challenges with homelessness or mental illness, and adolescents.

⊕ **Ms. Barb Gleason**, bgleason@sehealth.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.

⊕ **Christy Mershon**, cmershon@semo.edu

St. Louis Fire Department Lifesaving Foundation Pre-hospital Childbirth: Improving Outcomes, Saving Lives

The StLFD SIM Center needs a pre-hospital childbirth component to practice delivery skills. The program includes SimMom, an advanced full-body birthing simulator, to facilitate first-responder training of birth management. Learning to make quick decisions during childbirth can mean the difference between infant life and death.

⊕ **Rebecca Davis**, info@lifesavingfoundation.org



St. Louis Integrated Health Network St. Louis Enhanced Centering Plus Community

Integrated Health Network and partners propose to enhance Centering Pregnancy to include a behavioral health component to combat trauma and toxic stress in the lives of our patients. Our primary goal is to integrate behavioral and medical services to improve the outcomes for pregnant woman in the St. Louis region.

⊕ **Bethany Johnson-Javois**, bjohnson@stlouisihn.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