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Erasing the Gap:

Eliminating Infant Mortality through Individual, Community and System Responsibility

Conference Goal

Erasing the Gap is a conference designed to explore and highlight effective strategies to overcome infant mortality and improve women's health. Convened by Columbus Public Health's *Caring for 2* programs, the conference will highlight emerging best practices from both a programmatic and theoretical approach to this important community issue. The conference will also highlight effective policies necessary to support reduction of infant mortality and low birth weight in our community. Conference attendees will explore the complexities of this topic with enlightenment from both nationally known speakers and local experts.

Conference Objectives

- Discuss how high infant mortality rates are not just a threat to the black community, but to society as a whole.
- Discuss infant mortality rates and other reproductive health outcomes for women in Franklin County.
- Discuss the healthcare costs and an intervention to decrease low birth weight and premature births.
- Describe the State of Ohio's initiative to reduce infant mortality.
- Describe partnerships of National Organizations to eliminate racial/cultural inequalities contributing to infant mortality.
- Discuss successes and challenges of a local Healthy Start program: *Caring for 2*.
- Identify *Caring for 2* service interventions.
- Identify tools used to mobilize a community.

Keynote Speaker

Art James, MD

Obstetrician/Gynecologist at Borgess Medical Center and the Kalamazoo County Family Health Center; Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Michigan State University

Who Should Attend

Health Administrators, OB/GYN Providers, Midwives, Social Workers, Nurses, Community Health Advocates and Educators, Case Managers, Community Leaders, Elected Officials, Students, and Mental Health Professionals

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Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Vineyard Church of Columbus
6000 Cooper Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081

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For more information or to register online visit:

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Registration: \$47.50 (*Lunch included*)

Education Credits:

- Social Work CEUs Available
- 5.25 Nursing Contact Hours

For nurses, criteria for successful completion include attendance of the entire event and submission of a completed evaluation form

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Responsibility Agenda

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	All Conference Sessions in Vineyard Church Multipurpose Room
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Opening Plenary -Conference Call to Order -Welcome and Greetings	Teresa C. Long, MD, MPH, <i>Health Commissioner Columbus Public Health</i>
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Erasing the Gap: Eliminating Infant Mortality through Individual, Community and System Responsibility -Discuss how high infant mortality rates are not just a threat to the black community, but to society as a whole	Art James, MD <i>Obstetrician/Gynecologist Michigan State University</i>
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Infant Mortality in Franklin County -Discuss infant mortality rates and other reproductive health outcomes for women in Franklin County	Carolyn Slack, MS, RN, <i>Director, MCH, Columbus Public Health</i>
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Health & Social Costs of Premature Births & Low/Very Low Births in our Community -Discuss the healthcare costs and an intervention to decrease low birth weight and premature births	Pat Gabbe, MD, MPH, <i>Senior Medical Advisor, OSU Health Plans</i>
11:45 – 12:15 p.m.	State and Local Initiatives to Reduce Infant Mortality -Describe the State of Ohio’s initiative to reduce infant mortality	Karen Hughes, MPH <i>State Infant Mortality Task Force</i> & Gabbe MD, MPH, <i>Senior Medical Advisor, OSU Health Plans</i>
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Conference Luncheon -Special Recognition/Acknowledgements	
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	National Healthy Start/ CityMatCH/ AMCHP Action Learning Collaborative -Describe partnerships of National Organizations to eliminate racial/cultural inequalities contributing to infant mortality	Michelle Mills, Pres./CEO, <i>St. Stephen’s Community House, ALC Team</i>
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Columbus Public Health <i>Caring for 2</i> Who we are... What we are... How we are helping... -Discuss successes and challenges of a local Healthy Start program: <i>Caring for 2</i>	Grace Kolliesuah, MSW, MA, LSW, <i>Project Director: Caring for 2</i>
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	“Touching Lives: The Participant’s Perspective” -Identify <i>Caring for 2</i> service interventions	Toya Brown & Tanikka Price, Esq. <i>Caring for 2 Participants</i>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Community Strategies for Erasing the Gap -Identify tools used to mobilize a community -Questions and Answers	Art James, MD <i>Obstetrician/Gynecologist Michigan State University</i>
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Closing Session -Closing Remarks -Questions & Answers -Evaluations & Certificates	Grace Kolliesuah, MSW, MA, LSW, <i>Project Director: Caring for 2</i>