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## Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health

### **MCMCH Purpose**

MCMCH's purpose is to advocate for public policy that will improve maternal and child health outcomes through prevention programs, access to care and adequate funding/reimbursement for providers.

- Maternal is pre-conception, prenatal, post-natal and nurturing;
- Child is prenatal through age 21;
- Health means physical, mental, oral, developmental, spiritual, and social-emotional well-being of a person or family.

### **Action Agenda 2011**

- Stop erosion of Medicaid rates for all services, focus on obstetrical and primary care services
- Support re-establishment of perinatal regionalization
- Advocate for health education and physical education for school children
- Seek consistent reimbursement for child development screenings
- Promote health and fiscal benefits of quality medical homes
- Work with oral health partners to promote access to preventive care
- Support examination of state tax system to assure state resources support most desirable outcomes
- Preserve special health care services for children
- Mental health parity

#### **Sustaining Members:**

William Beaumont Hospitals  
Children's Hospital of Michigan  
Henry Ford Health System  
Hurley Medical Center  
University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital  
and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital

#### **Contributing Members:**

Michigan Chapter, American  
Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Mott Children's Health Center

#### **Partner Organizations:**

Comprehensive School Health Coordinators Association  
College of Health and Human Services, Eastern Michigan University  
Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion  
Genesee County Health Department  
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies  
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan  
Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health  
Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency  
School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan  
The Arc Michigan  
Tomorrow's Child  
Upper Peninsula Children's Coalition

**Infant Mortality**  
Why are we losing babies in Michigan?

House Health Policy Committee  
March 24, 2011  
Presentation from the Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health

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**What is infant mortality?**

- A baby that dies before age one year
- Expressed as a rate per 1,000 live births a year
  - Neonatal deaths - within first 28 days
  - Post neonatal deaths - 28 days to 1 year of life
- Does not include fetal deaths
  - Important measure: perinatal mortality rate from 28 weeks gestation - 7 days of age
- Maternal mortality in Michigan

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**Common themes in Michigan infant mortality**

- Disproportionately babies of color
  - African-American rate is 3 times that of whites
- Infants/mothers on Medicaid
- Unintended pregnancies
- Low or very low birthweight babies
- Poor preconception health of mother, lack of prenatal care

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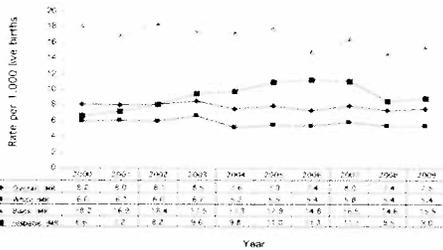
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### State Trends of Infant Mortality Rate by Race/Ethnicity




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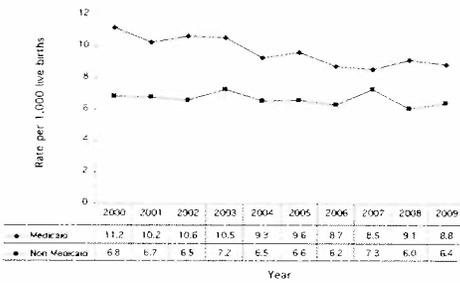
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### Infant Mortality Rate Medicaid versus non Medicaid




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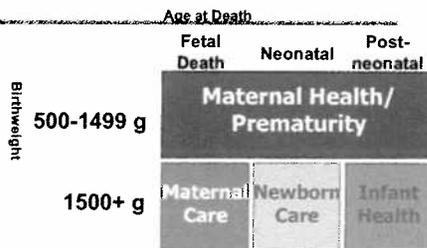
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### Perinatal Periods Of Risk Fetal-Infant Mortality Map




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## Maternal Health/Prematurity

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- **Preconception Health**

Unhealthy behaviors, STD screening, birth intervals, addressing chronic disease

- **Unintended pregnancy**

Access to pregnancy prevention and related services

- **Preventing premature birth**

Efforts to maintain healthy pregnancy to 39 weeks

- **Perinatal Regionalization**

A system of care that ensures pregnant women and newborns access to the best level of care for their clinical needs

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## Maternal Care

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- **Prenatal Health Care**

- Smoking, drug use, chronic disease

- Access to services, dental, nutrition

- Depression screening, vitamins

- **Obstetric Care**

- Access, Medicaid rates

- High risk referral

- **Education**

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## Newborn Care

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- **Perinatal Management/Regionalization**

- Ensuring deliveries happen at most appropriate facility

- **Neonatal Care**

- Pediatric Surgery/specialty care

- Newborn screening and follow-up

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## Infant Health

- Safe Sleep
- Breastfeeding
- Injury Prevention
- Home environment
- Access to care
  - Follow-up for NICU graduates
  - Medical home

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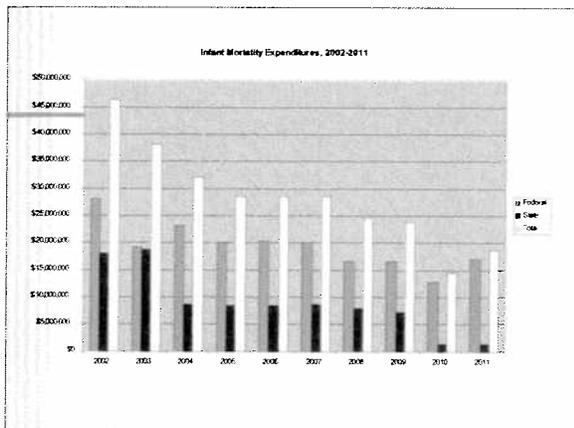
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