

Statewide Townhall Meeting Communities

Addressing the Impact of the
COVID-19 Pandemic on
Reproductive and Perinatal
Health

March 25, 2022

10:00 am to Noon



Welcome

Dr. James Greenberg, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Co-chair



Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality

- **Vision:** Working together to eliminate infant mortality in Ohio.
- **Mission:** To eliminate preventable infant mortality and improve the health of all women of childbearing years throughout the state of Ohio through sharing of best practices, community engagement, and advocacy.

Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality

- **Purpose:** As a statewide partnership, OCPIM will function as a platform for authentic community engagement, exchange of best practices, data management, and advocacy. Success will be defined by the important infant health outcomes, driving infant mortality reduction, including extreme preterm birth, sleep-related infant death, and congenital malformations.

Outcomes: Through partnerships OCPIM has been able to achieve the following outcomes:

Exchange	Exchange novel interventions and practices designed to improve birth outcomes in Ohio. This includes successful and unsuccessful practices.
Optimize	Optimize relevant data collection, analysis, and dissemination among stakeholder organizations.
Engage	Engage communities to support those at most risk to experience the direct consequences of infant death and suboptimal birth outcomes.
Advocate	Advocate for legislation and policies that optimize women's health, improve birth outcomes, and eliminate preventable infant mortality.

COVID Vaccination in Pregnancy

**Uma Perni, MD, Perinatologist
Maternal/Fetal Medicine**





Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting (State and Regional View)

**Andrea Arendt,
Epidemiology Supervisor,
Ohio Department of Health**

Infant Mortality Data

Andrea Arendt

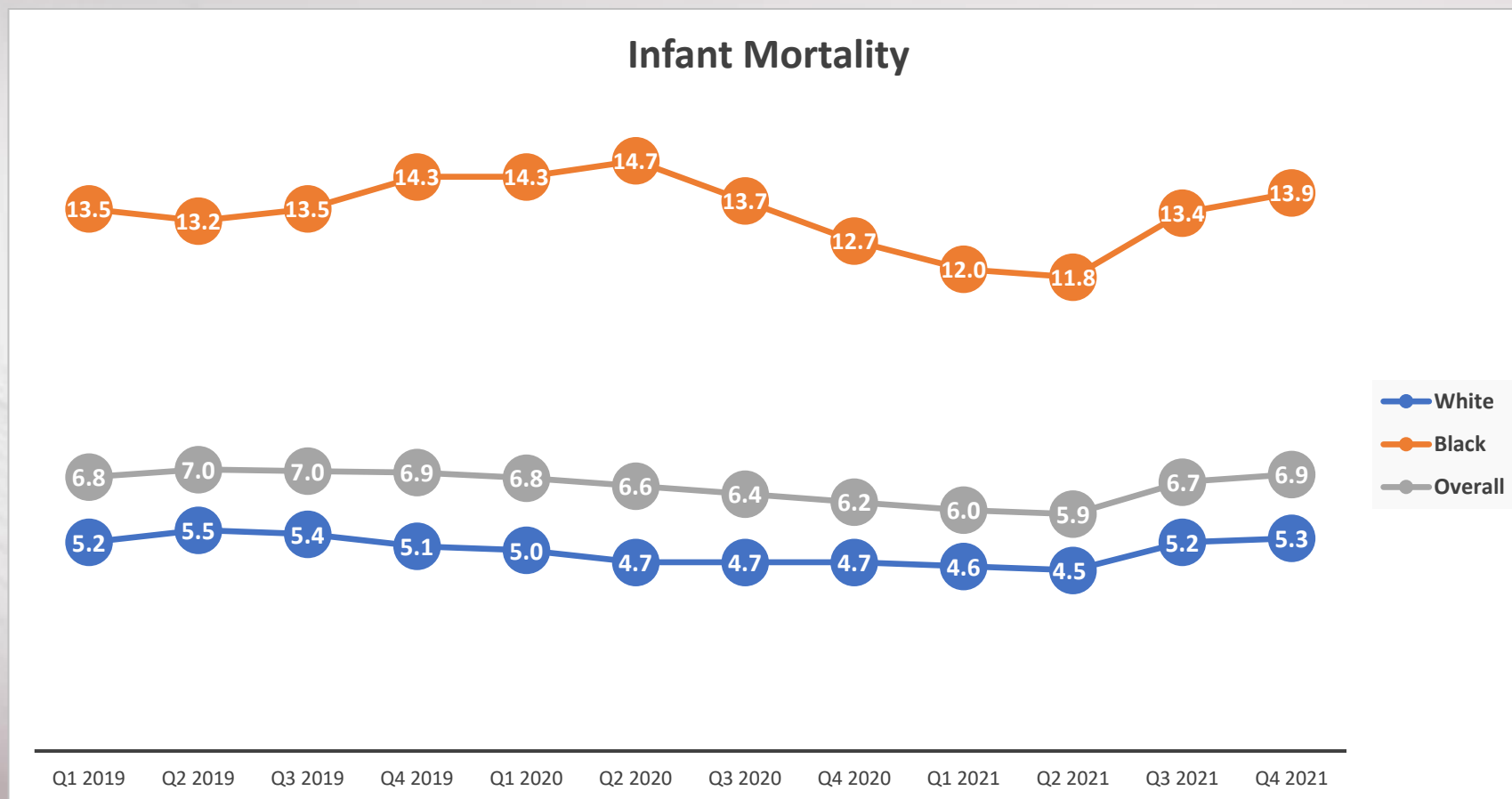
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Maternal, Child, and Family Health Data and Surveillance



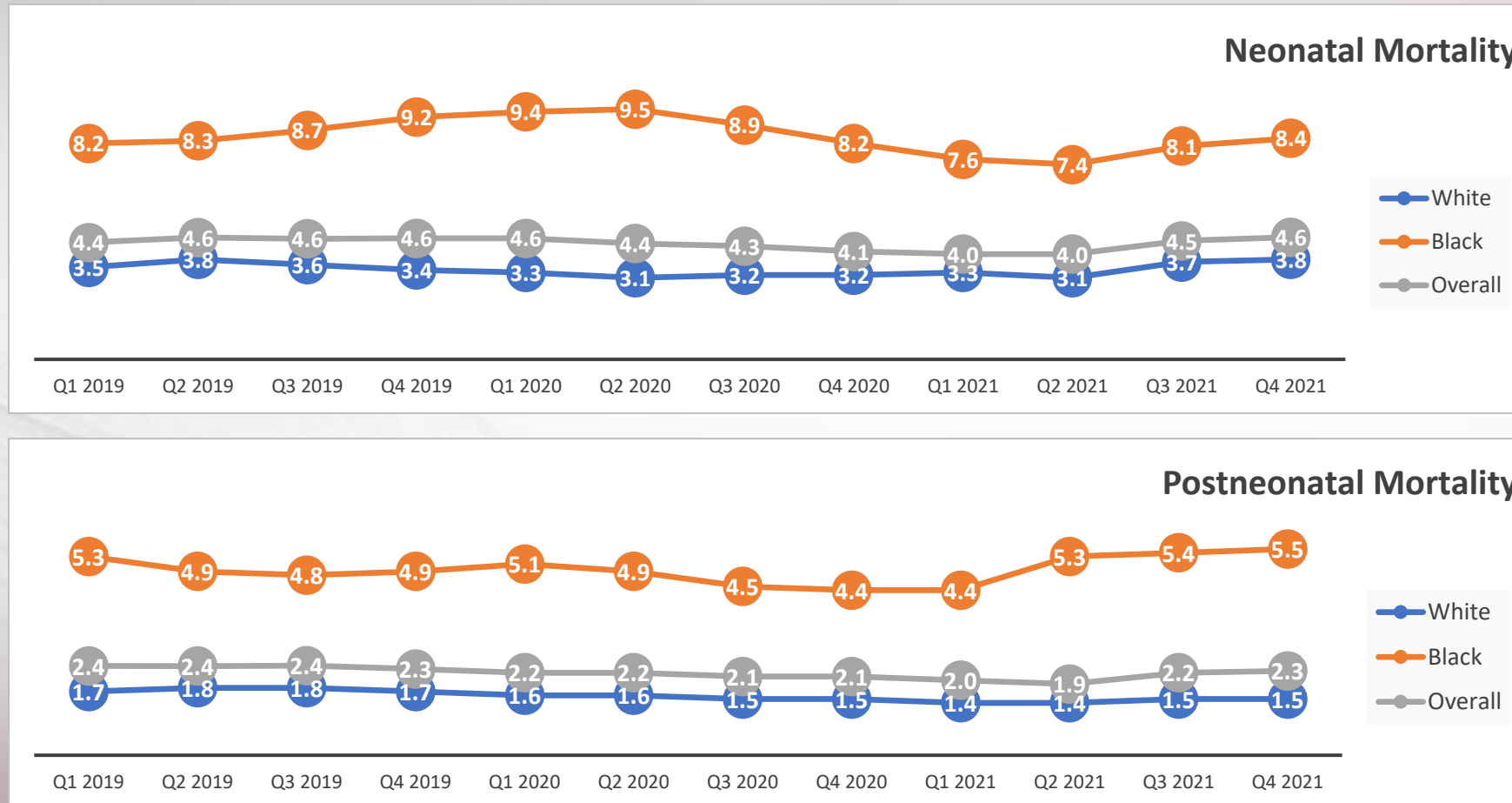
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Quarterly Rolling 12-Month Average Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Births



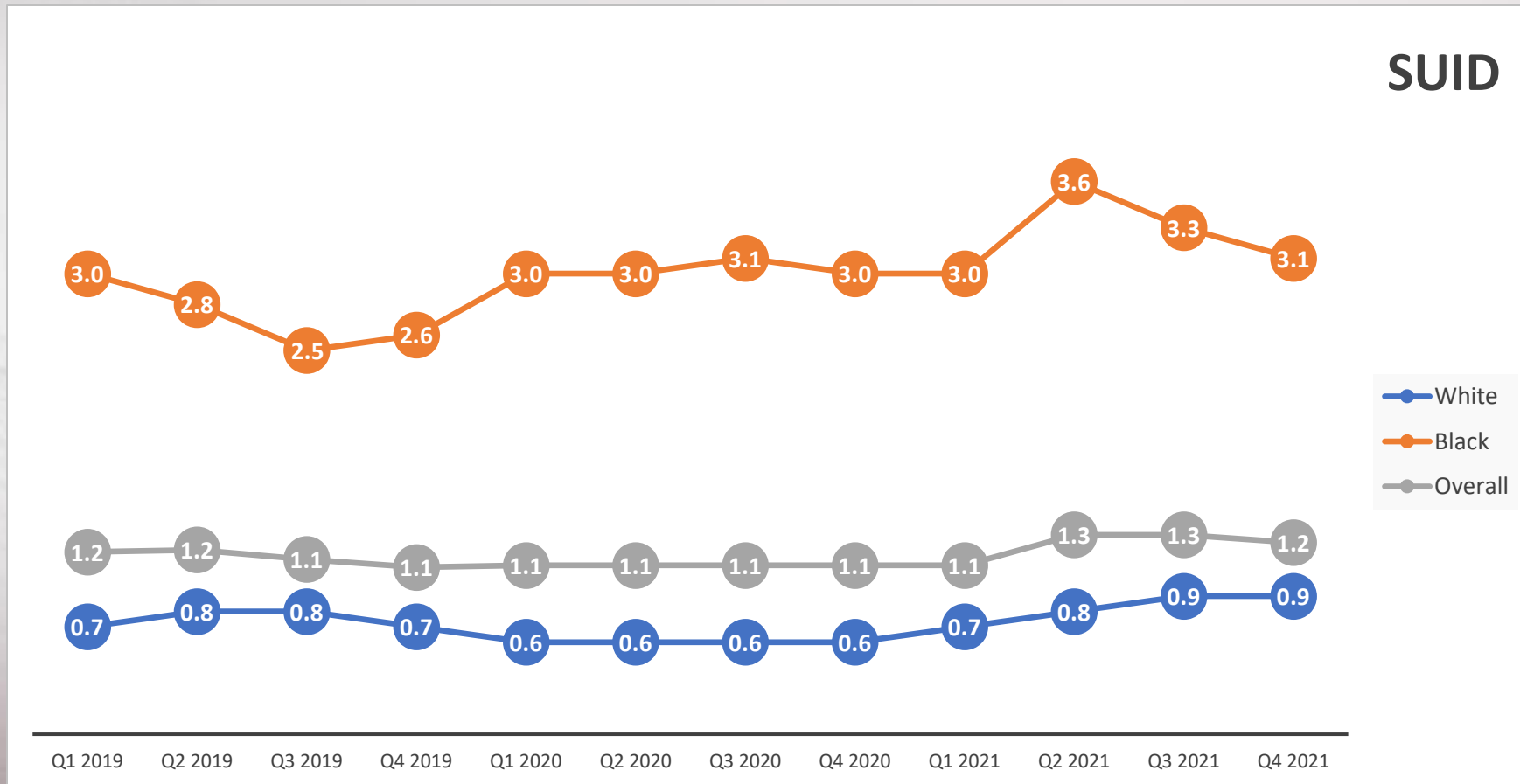
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Note: 2021 data is preliminary.

Quarterly Rolling 12-Month Average Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality Rates per 1,000 Births



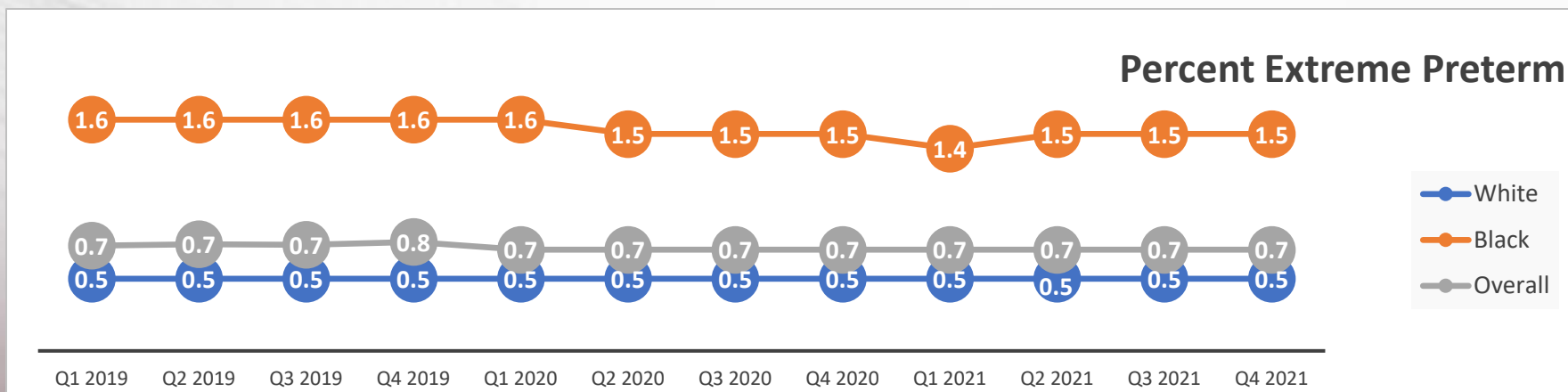
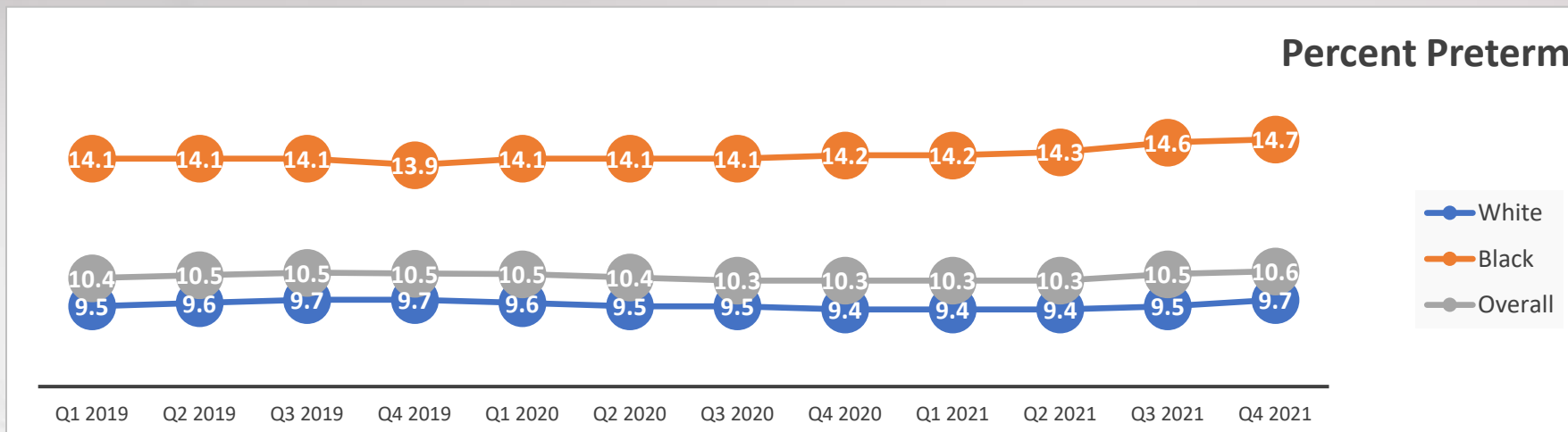
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Note: 2021 data is preliminary.

Quarterly Rolling 12-Month Average Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Rates per 1,000 Births



Data Source: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics.
Note: 2021 data is preliminary.

Quarterly Rolling 12-Month Average Percentage Preterm (< 37 weeks) and Extreme Preterm Births (< 28 weeks)



Data Source: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics.
Note: 2021 data is preliminary.

Regional Data

Quarter	Region	IMR*	NMR*	PMR*	SUID*	Preterm (%)	Extreme Preterm (%)
Q1 2021	Central	5.9	4.1	1.8	0.9	9.8	0.7
	Northeast	5.6	3.6	2.0	1.1	10.4	0.8
	Northwest	5.9	4.1	1.9	1.0	10.4	0.7
	Southeast	6.0	4.3	1.7	1.1	10.2	0.5
	Southwest	6.7	4.3	2.4	1.4	10.6	0.7
Q2 2021	Central	5.8	4.1	1.7	1.2	10.0	0.7
	Northeast	5.5	3.6	1.9	1.3	10.5	0.8
	Northwest	5.9	3.8	2.1	1.3	10.4	0.7
	Southeast	6.3	4.4	1.9	1.3	9.9	0.5
	Southwest	6.3	4.1	2.2	1.5	10.7	0.7
Q3 2021	Central	6.4	4.7	1.8	1.1	10.3	0.7
	Northeast	6.5	4.3	2.2	1.4	10.7	0.8
	Northwest	6.9	4.2	2.7	1.4	10.5	0.6
	Southeast	7.5	5.2	2.3	1.1	9.9	0.5
	Southwest	6.8	4.4	2.3	1.5	10.6	0.7
Q4 2021	Central	7.0	5.3	1.7	0.9	10.5	0.8
	Northeast	6.5	4.2	2.3	1.3	10.8	0.8
	Northwest	6.8	4.3	2.5	1.0	10.5	0.7
	Southeast	7.6	5.2	2.4	1.4	10.3	0.6
	Southwest	6.9	4.5	2.5	1.7	10.7	0.7

* Rates per 1,000 births.

Data Source: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Note: 12-month quarterly averages, 2021 data is preliminary.

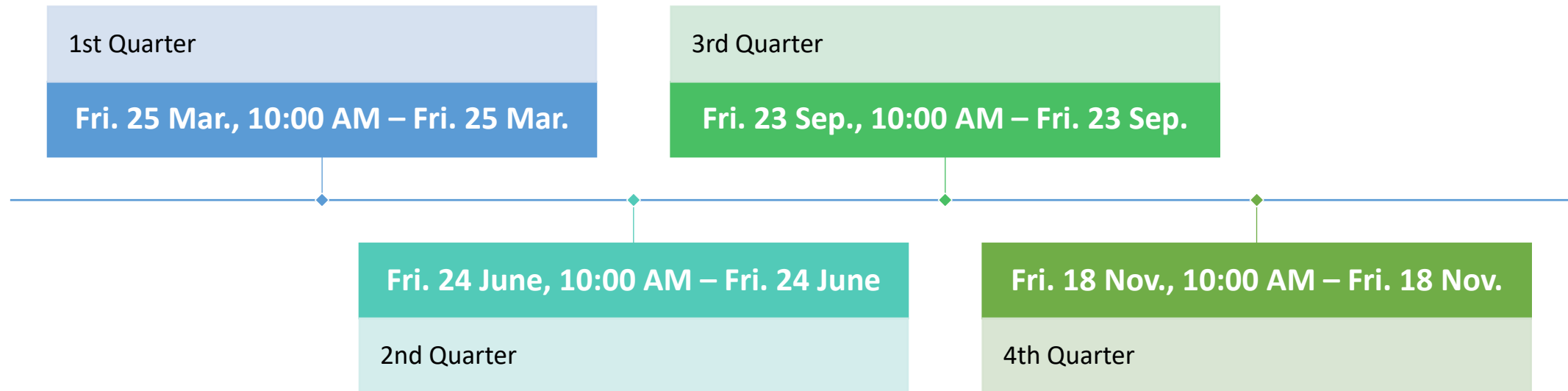
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Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality

**Dr. Stacy Scott,
Baby 1st Network, Co-chair**



OCPIM Statewide Webinars



OCPIM Regional Meetings

Northwest Region Quarterly Meetings:

- Q1 1st Friday, March 4th 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Q2 1st Friday, May 6th 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Q3 1st Friday, August 5th 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Q4 1st Friday, October 7th 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Central Region Quarterly Meetings:

- Q1 1st March 4th 1:00 to 2:00 pm
- Friday, April 8th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- Friday, July 8th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- Friday, August 12th 10:00 to 11:00 am

Southeast Region Quarterly Meetings:

- 1st Friday, March 4th 10:00 to 11 am
- 4th Friday, May 27th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- 4th Friday, August 26th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- 4th Friday, October 28th, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Northeast Region Quarterly Meetings:

- Q1 2nd Friday, February 11th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- Q2 2nd Friday, April 8th 10 to 11:00 am
- Q3 2nd Friday, July 8th 10 to 11:00 am
- Q4 1st Friday, October 7th 10 to 11:00 am

Southwest Region Quarterly Meetings:

- 4th Friday, February 25th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- 2nd Friday, May 13th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- 2nd Friday, August 12th 10:00 to 11:00 am
- 3rd Friday, October 21st 10:00 to 11:00 am

Community-Based Funding

The Ohio
Department of
Health, in
partnership with the
Governor's Children's
Initiative

- The \$250,000 is supporting OCPIM's vision to expand capacity to address both pregnancy and infant related mortality and morbidity and improve the health of all birthing people of childbearing age in Ohio.
- The collaborative will:
 - Expand capacity through continued incorporation of Ohio's existing maternal child health institutions, networks, and resources;
 - Facilitate of community workshops, trainings, convenings, and activities; implementation of community change agents to facilitate increased community member participation and engagement
 - Add community members as regional co-chairs (1 per region)

Project Framework

- Cultural Rigor – Celebrate the humanity, social worth, and value of the communities the project seeks to elevate and empower.
- Reproductive Justice – Move beyond rights-based frameworks to acknowledge the ways in which social, political, and economic inequalities affect a person's ability to access reproductive health care services and self-determined family creation.
- Systems Thinking – Recognize that making meaningful, long-lasting change requires understanding of different components that serve as barriers and facilitators to change. These include policies and practices, resource distribution, relationships and connections, power dynamics, and the mental models that shape our understanding of the problem.

Project Objectives

- Create equal voice and power for those in the community.
- Acknowledge history of racism as a foundational concept.
- Sustain conversation and engagement to establish trust and progress.
- Affirm that community leaders are not a substitute for community members.
- Employ meaningful strategies to understand the state of a community.
- Incorporate clear accountability and shared understanding around outcomes.
- Support and facilitate a continuous process of community engagement that must include strategies for capacity building and sustainability.

Notice of Job Opening

Application Close Date April 11, 2022

Position Title: Community Change Agent	Position Type: Contractual
Term: 5/1/2022 – 12/1/2022	Location: Remote
Program: Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality – Grant Project	Salary: Stipend (\$1,000.00 at 4 payments of \$250.00 each, not to exceed \$1,000.00 total)

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Recruit new members to OCPIM.
- Build and maintain working relationships with people and organizations within the community to strengthen access to resources for birthing people.
- Engage birthing people, their families, and local community members to uplift their voices through sharing their experiences.
- Attend all required state and regional webinars/meetings and other required, scheduled meetings/events (i.e., the learning session and coaching calls).
- Manage and ensure accurate record-keeping and documentation timely and effectively.
- Travel to accomplish specific project goals, objectives, and activities.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Exhibit professional accountability; strong, positive work ethic; and public service commitment.
- Ability to promote awareness and engagement activities to help lower infant mortality rates.
- Possess effective communication and personal skills to inspire and motivate others to action.
- Ability to outreach to diverse individuals, organizations, and businesses.
- Knowledge of and willingness and ability to embrace diversity, teamwork and community, data-informed learning, open communication, and follow-through
- Ability to advocate on behalf of yourself and others.
- Ability to facilitate conversations about the community, within the community.
- Comfortable with using assigned electronic device (tablet) and online apps to collect, disseminate, track, and store data and information.

Focus Areas

Ohio counties where the racial disparity between the county-level Black and White infant mortality rate is equal to or greater than 2.0: Allen, Butler, Clark, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull.

Ohio counties where the county-level preterm birth rate is greater than 10.5 preterm births per 1,000 live births: Allen, Belmont, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Hocking, Jefferson, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Meigs, Monroe, Montgomery, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Preble, Ross, Seneca, Van Wert, Vinton, and Washington.

Date	Time	Location
May 14	10 AM to 12 PM (EST)	Orientation/Training
May 21	10 AM to 12 PM (EST)	Training
June 3-4		Training (In-person)
July 16		Coaching Call (Virtual)
August 20		Coaching Call (Virtual)
September 17		Coaching Call (Virtual)
October 15		Coaching Call (Virtual)
November (TBD)		Closing/Harvest Meeting (TBD)

Community Change Agent Training and Technical Support Schedule

The Application

www.baby1stnetwork.org





OCPIM Regional Check In

Northwest Region

Duane L. Herron, MPH TDIMA 1
Maternal and Child Health Supervisor
Director, Lucas County Healthy Start
Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

Friday, May 6th 11:30 am to 12:30 pm



Data on COVID-19 and Pregnancy in Lucas County



Duane Herron, MPH TDIMA 1
Maternal and Child Health Supervisor
Director, Lucas County Healthy Start
Prepared by Matthew Orbain, MPH
Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist

March, 2022

Lucas County Community Profile

Current COVID-19 Pregnancy Data**

- 660 COVID-19 Cases among pregnant women between 2020- March, 2022
- Vaccination rate for Covid-19 cases among Pregnant women
 - 12% *at least once dose
 - 87% were unvaccinated

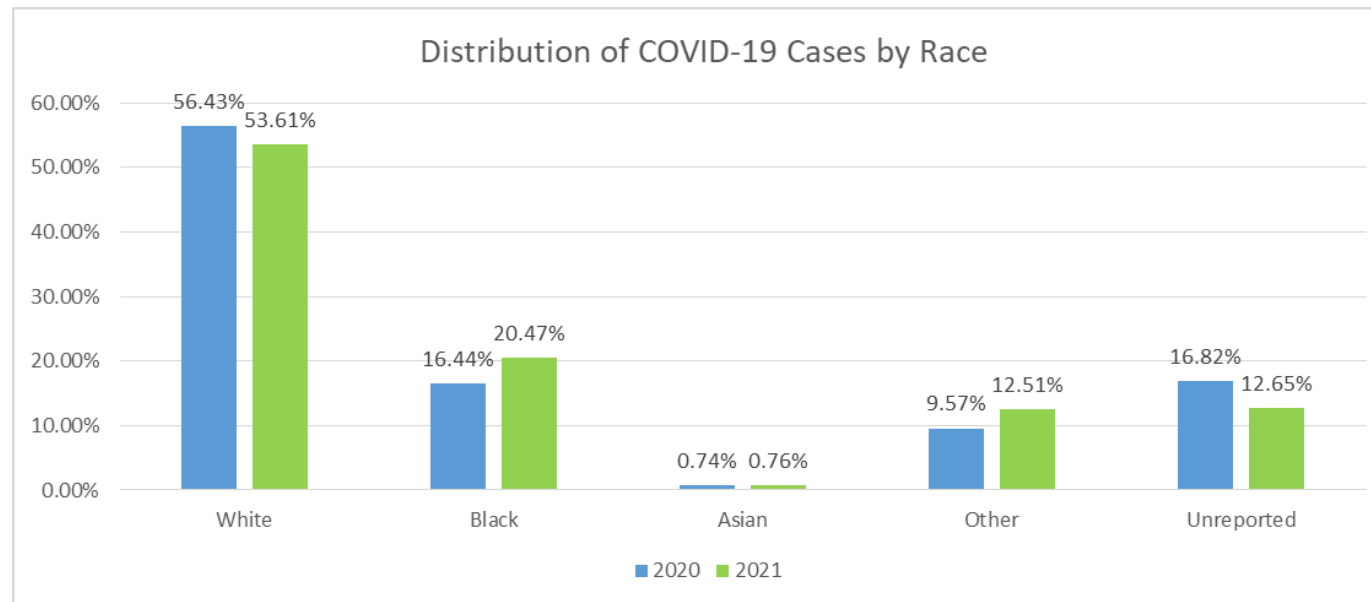
**preliminary data

**self-reported data through contract tracing

Lucas County Community Profile

Current COVID-19 Vaccine Status

African American / Black	Total Population	Partially Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Number (#)	86,244	38,377	33,907
Percent (%)	20.4	44	38.9
Non-Hispanic White	Total Population	Partially Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Number (#)	292,708	187,229	176,562
Percent (%)	68.2	58.9	55.5



*All COVID-19 data reported is considered preliminary – the data is subject to change as it is reviewed, confirmed, and finalized.

The data for 2020 COVID-19 cases is reported current as of 2/18/22.

CDC Encourages Vaccination for Pregnant Women

Northwest Ohio's Response

- Local News Stations in NW Ohio
- LHD Guidance and Press Releases
- Home Visiting and other Social Service Programs
- Local OB/GYN and other Healthcare Professionals
- Covid-19 related grant funding targeting at risk communities
 - TLCHD ODH Local Vaccine Clinics and Travel Program
 - Hospital Council of NW Ohio CDC CCR Grant



Community Health Workers for COVID Response And Resilient Communities

CDC CCR GRANT

OVERVIEW:

A collaborative effort has been underway in Ohio to mobilize Community Health Workers (CHWs) to support the COVID-19 public health response. This collaboration as part of the CDC CCR grant began in September 2021 and spans a total of three years.

PARTICIPANTS:



Better Health Pathways HUB: Cleveland
Bridges to Wellness HUB: Tuscarawas County
Central Ohio Pathways HUB: Columbus
Community Action Pathways HUB: Canton
Community Health Access Project: Mansfield
Dayton Regional HUB: Dayton
Health Care Access Now: Cincinnati
Mahoning Valley Pathways HUB: Youngstown
Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB: Toledo
Pathways HUB Community Action: Akron
Stark County THRIVE: Canton

- Health Impact Ohio
- Partners in Health
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Ohio State University

GRANT STRATEGIES



TRAIN

CHWs attend trainings via Zoom on Fridays to learn how to support the COVID-19 public health response.



DEPLOY

Trained CHWs go out into the community to provide education to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.



ENGAGE

CHWs to build community resilience to mitigate impact of COVID-19 and improve overall health of community.



TRAININGS:

- Role of CHWs in Global Pandemics
- Behavioral Economics
- Childhood Vaccinations
- Engaging Latinx Populations
- ACP in COVID-19
- Messages developed by CHWs
- COVID-19 and Pregnancy
- All About Housing in the Pandemic
- Health Equity in COVID-19
- Self-Care Exercises
- Utilizing a New Equity Mapping Tool
- Best Practices and Lessons Learned



PURPOSE OF GRANT

TRAIN

- CHWs attend all trainings.
- Participants complete a pre/post test to show understanding of material.

DEPLOY

- CHWs from all over the state to work together on a CHW Advisory Board.

ENGAGE

- Capture data effectively from client engagement through to discharge.
- Data includes:
 - Education pathways provided to clients regarding COVID-19
 - Medical Referral pathways for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters
 - Engagement of non-HUB clients

Central Region

**Maureen Stapleton,
Executive Director
CelebrateOne**

Friday, April 8th, 10:00 to 11:00 am



Southwest Region

**Gina McFarlane-El, Chief,
Executive Officer
Five Rivers Health Centers**

Friday, May 13th 10:00 to 11:00 am



Southeast Region

Luanne Valentine

Operations Director

Community Action Organization of Scioto County Inc.

Regional Meeting, Friday, May 27th 10:00 to 11:00 am



Northeast Region

Michelle Edison, MPH, MS

Director, Health Equity Strategies & Initiatives

Mahoning Valley Pathways HUB

Mahoning County Public Health

Regional Meeting, Friday, May 6th 11:30 am to 12:30 pm



Ohio Department of Medicaid

Windy Richlen

Performance Improvement Manager

Ohio Department of Medicaid



Ohio Department of Health

**Anna Starr, Asst. Chief
Bureau of Maternal, Child & Family Health
Ohio Department of Health**



OHIO INFANT MORTALITY SUMMIT

Proposed Conference Dates:

Friday	December 2, 2022,	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday	December 3, 2022,	10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Conference Format

Virtual and In-person Combination	Friday, December 2 nd
Virtual	Saturday, December 3 rd

THANK YOU

