



# Disparities in Birth Outcomes State and Federal Updates

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Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Birth Outcomes

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# State Initiatives: HW 2020

- Final July release: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/>
- Goals:
  - Eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity
  - Improve health across the lifespan
- Of 10 Pillar goals:
  - Data on disparities
  - Resources to fight disparities
  - Policies to virtually eliminate poverty
  - Policies to eliminate discrimination and improve
  - Policies for better universal education
  - Policies and curricula in schools for all children to learn child caregiving
  - Increased evaluation, access to evidence, health impact assessments



# State Initiatives: HW2020

- Other objectives
  - By 2020, reduce racial and ethnic disparities in poor birth outcomes, including infant mortality
  - By 2020, provide pre-conception and inter-conception care to Wisconsin women in population groups disproportionately affected by poor birth outcomes.
  - By 2020, establish social, economic and health policies that improve equity in sexual health and reproductive justice
  - Increase research on methods to reduce disparities
- Many other objectives focused on racial, ethnic, sexual minorities
- Implementation



# State Initiatives: Legislative and Collaborative

- **Smoke Free Wisconsin-July 5**
- **Legislative Council Study Committees**
  - Infant Mortality
  - Strengthening Wisconsin Families
  - Health Care Access and Public Health Funding
  - Health Reform
- **Medicaid Collaboration**
  - P4P for Birth Outcomes
  - SE Medical Home Pilot on Birth Outcomes
  - PNCC
- **Milwaukee Health Care Partnership**
  - BEACON Grant application
  - RWJF grant
- **Collaboration with LIHF**

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# Federal Health Reform

- **Prevention and Public Health Fund**
- **Home visiting funds: \$90m/FY2010 (\$1.5b over 5 years)**
- **Adolescent pregnancy prevention funds: (several tiers)/DHS application 3<sup>rd</sup> tier \$1.5m**
- **Postpartum depression: support, research, education: \$15m over 5 years**
- **FQHC expansion :\$11b over 5 years starting 2011**



# Home Visiting Collaboration with DCF

- **Needs assessment tied to Title V/MCH Block Grant**
- **Department of Children and Families-lead**
- **Letters of support**
  - **Directors of State Title V/MCH**
  - **Title II of CAPTA**
  - **Single State Agency for Substance Abuse Services**
  - **Head Start Collaboration Office**
- **Initial plan for conducting needs assessment and program due to HRSA July 9, 2010**



# Project LAUNCH

- **SAMHSA funds--10/09 for 5 years**
- **Goal: foster the healthy development of all young children birth through age 8 – preparing them to thrive in school and beyond**
- **Partnership: DPH/MCH Program & City of Milwaukee Health Dept**
- **State and Local Wellness Councils and state and local staff manage day to day grant activities**
- **Outcome evaluation by Center for Urban Population Health**



# Project LAUNCH

- **MHD will implement five evidence-based practices in 8 zip codes in central city:**
  - Home visiting
  - Developmental assessments in a range of child-serving settings
  - Integration of behavioral health into primary care settings
  - Mental health consultation
  - Family strengthening and parent skills training



# Budget 2011-13

- To be shepherded by next Governor
- Candidates are a major focus