

Action Learning Collaborative Fatherhood and Next Steps

**Role of the State Leadership in
addressing**

**Impact of racism and birth
outcomes –**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Objective:

- **Overview of Wisconsin's state and local collaborations to eliminate racial inequities contributing to infant mortality**
- **Management of state role in process**
- **Leveraging opportunities**
- **Impact of Kellogg Action Learning Collaborate**
- **Next steps**



“The story of infant mortality in Wisconsin is the tale of two worlds divided, at least on the surface, by race.

In 2008, the infant mortality rate for whites was 5.9 per 1,000 births.

It was 13.8 for blacks.”

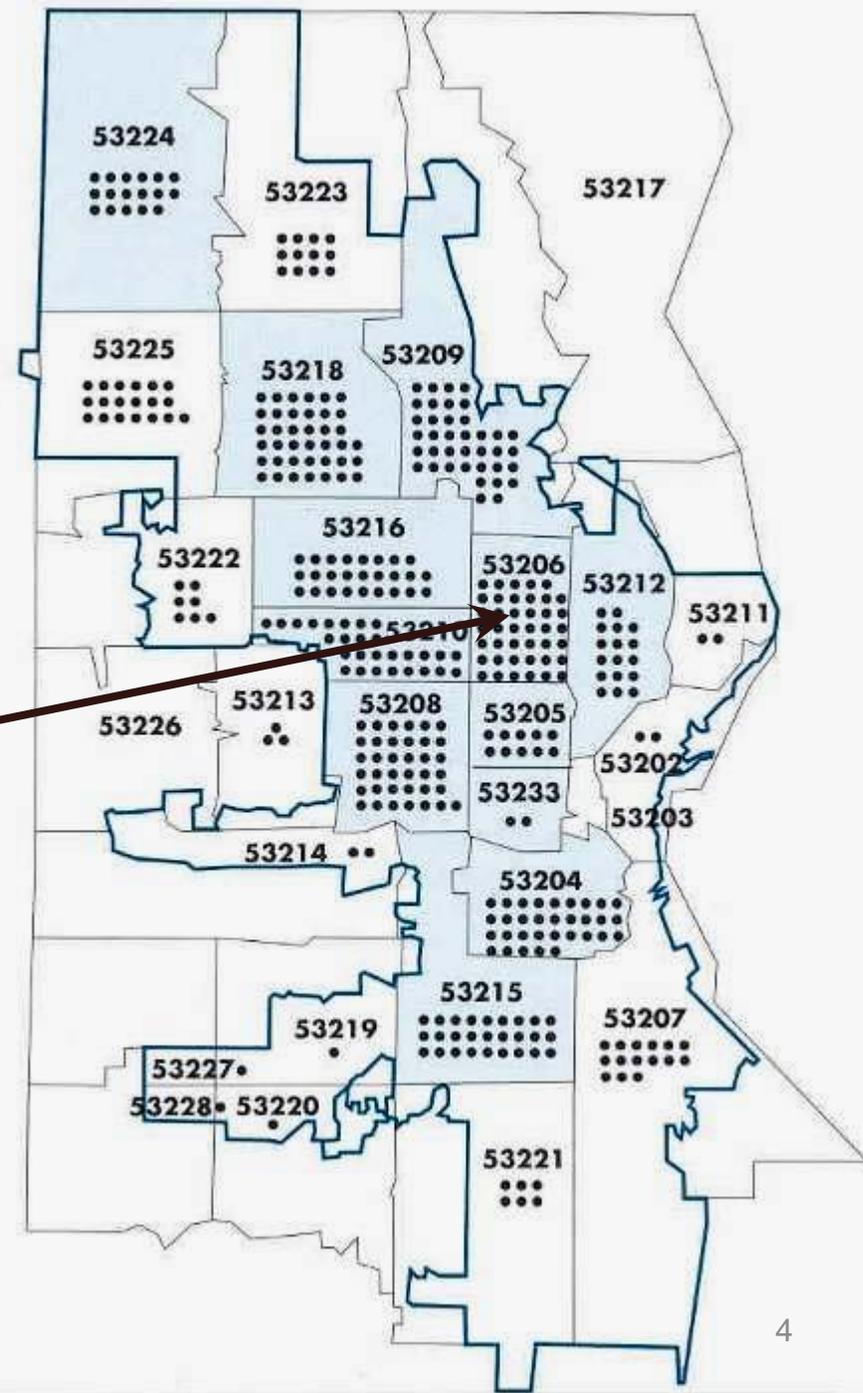
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Map of Milwaukee Infant Deaths 2002-2004 (N = 389)

Zip Code **53206** had the greatest number of infant deaths = 41 and the highest infant mortality rate = 20.4

Milwaukee Home Visiting Program, Empowering Families in Milwaukee is in **53204, 05, 06, 08, 12, & 33**



Action Learning Collaborative

Partnership to Eliminate
Disparities in Infant
Mortality (PEDIM)

Racism and
Fatherhood in
Milwaukee

Community
Education/Training

Empowerment
Coaching Pilot
Project

Promote positive
media images of
men of color



state role in process

 **Leadership to Champion the cause**

 **Education**

 **Courageous Leaders**



- **Healthiest Wisconsin – 2010 (written in 2000)**
- **White paper developed by CMO in response to worsening AA infant Mortality – rejected by administration – 2000**
- **2003 Michael Lu / J.Collins/Neal Halfon**
- **2003 Healthy Birth Summit,**
- **2004 Milwaukee Forum on Birth Outcomes**
- **2005 State Health Officer – Sheri Johnson hired and became sponsor of Healthy Birth Initiative**
- **2005 Healthy Birth Initiative with dedicated state staff – Patrice Onheiber**
- **2005 -2008 series of targeted efforts; home visiting services in Milwaukee , increased efforts in Prenatal care coordination, HRSA TA of a program review and consult with Marion Drummonds,**
- **Framework for Action released**



- **2007 Racine legislative effort- \$250,000.00**
- **2008 Action Learning Collaborative – *in 2010 efforts were adopted by the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin Healthy Start program and continues to date***
- **2008- ABC Social Marketing Grant**
- **2010 -LIHF-Life Course Initiative for Healthy Families**
- **2010- Healthy Wisconsin 2020**
- **2010 -Legislative Special Committee on Infant Mortality with recommendation for focus on fatherhood**
- **December 2010 Statewide Fatherhood Workgroup established lead by Dept Children and Families**
- **January 2011 – Wisconsin Journal Sentinel year long series on infant mortality**



Impact of Kellogg Action Learning Collaborate

- ALC was the first time a national initiative addressed racism and its impact on health
- Allowed marketing of a discussion around a national initiative
- ALC work was adopted in the Healthy Start 2011 work plan
- Aligns with potential state and federal fatherhood efforts
- Health Disparities and racism in HW 2020
- 10 year journey for Wisconsin's paradigm shift – validating for some of our earliest champions
- Next steps

