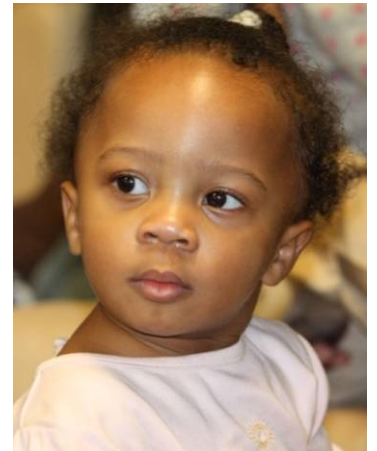# Milwaukee LIHF Collaborative

Project Update
September 8, 2011

Guiding Principles

- Culturally appropriate
- Community driven
- Family centered
- Respect and support the unique role of African American leaders and organizations
- Addresses racism
- Integrates the concept of the Lifecourse
- Works toward fulfilling the project vision of reducing stress and improving birth outcomes

Goals/Highest Need

Milwaukee will focus on:

1) Strengthening father involvement in African American families.
2) Reducing poverty among African American families.
3) Expanding healthcare access over the lifecourse.

Strategies

Strengthening father involvement:

- Engage, partner with and fund grassroots and informal efforts in the development of a comprehensive network of fatherhood resources and supports.

- Increase relationship-building skills and self-worth for African American men and their families.

- Increase the role that dads play in the community.

- Increase access to education and employment.

- Strengthen formal and informal partnerships to address structural barriers, including racism and discrimination.

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Strategies

Reducing poverty:

- Remove structural barriers to obtaining and retaining jobs.

- Increase family-sustaining jobs for low income African American men and their families.
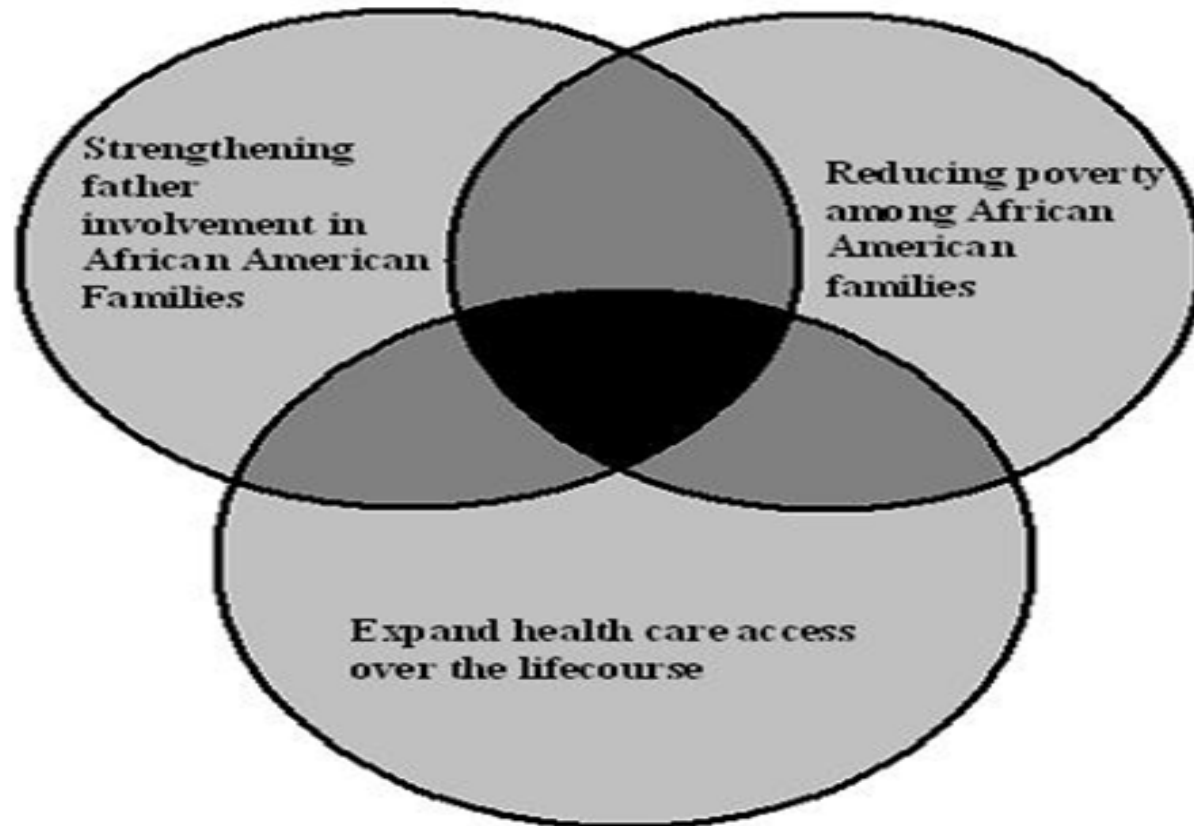
Strategies

Expanding healthcare access over the lifecourse:

- Facilitate access to healthcare services (including preconception, prenatal, and interconception care).

- Reduce financial barriers to African American utilization of medical homes.

- Increase the capacity and quality of medical homes.

- Expand access to specialty care (including behavioral health and dental care).

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Strategy Integration

Strengthening father involvement in African American Families

Reducing poverty among African American families

Expand health care access over the lifecourse

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Indicators

✓ Poverty

Missing

❑ Health Care Coverage

❑ Father/ Family Support

Questions?