

ASTHO Health Babies Initiative and Infant Mortality

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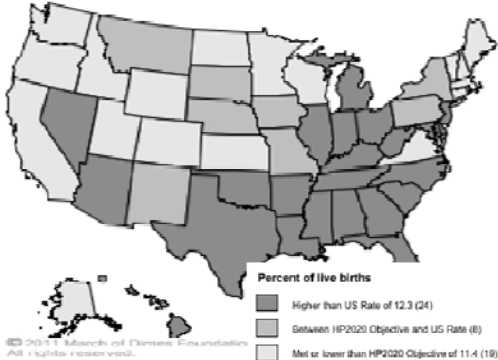
From Micronesia to Alaska and Across the U.S. to the Virgin Islands



Infant Mortality – 2008



Preterm Births – 2008



Pledge to Reduce Prematurity by 8% by 2014



ASTHO – March of Dimes Partnership

- State Health Agency / MOD Press Event
- MOD State Chapter / SHA Partnership
- Co-Branding of Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait Campaign
- MOD Materials and tool kits

ASTHO – March of Dimes Partnership

- Visible / Active State Leadership
- Virginia Apgar Award (8%)
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award (9.6%)

HRSA Region IV and VI Summit on Infant Mortality

- January 12-13, 2012
- 7 member State Teams
 - State Health Officials, MCH Directors and other MCH experts, State Medicaid Officials, March of Dimes, Hospitals, Legislative, and Governor’s Office senior staff

HRSA Region IV and VI Summit on Infant Mortality

- Federal partners – HRSA, CMS, CDC
- Regional Goals and State Strategies
- Region IV, V, VI Collaborative Summit

Common State Strategies

- Reduce early elective deliveries <39 weeks
- Ensure access to 17 – HP
- Improve preconception / interconception health
 - Medicaid waivers, smoking
- Safe sleep
- Regionalize NICU care

Grid Showing State Plans After Summit

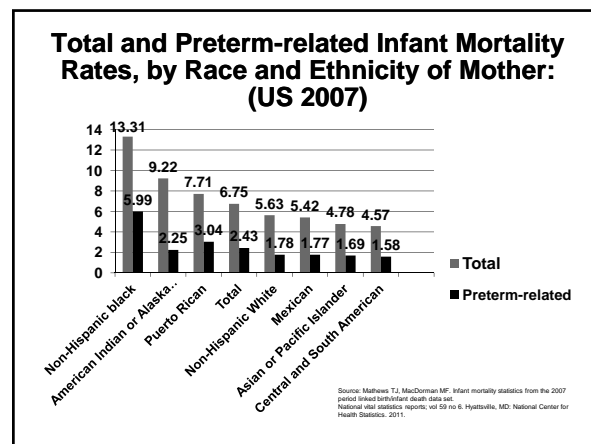
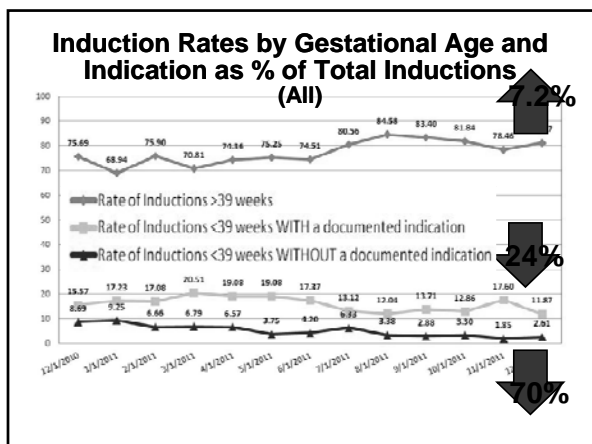
	KY	LA
Ensure access to 17-P	X	X
Reduce/eliminate inductions/ C-sections prior to 39 weeks	X	X
Develop plan for/increase interconception care		Y
Strengthen data of systems and timeliness of collection, analysis, and reporting at the local level	X	X
Reduce smoking in pregnant women		Y



- ### National Interest
- AMCHP
 - NPP – Maternity Action Team
 - Leapfrog Group Hospital Survey
 - March of Dimes – Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait
 - CMMI/CMS Strong Start Initiative, P4P

- ### National Interest
- NGA – Improving Birth Outcomes project
 - Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality
 - Consumer group involvement

- ### Oklahoma: Every Week Counts
- Began recruiting hospitals for voluntary “hard stop” effort in January, 2011
 - Currently have 52 of 59 birthing hospitals enrolled (88%)
 - Have seen 70% reduction in rate of induction <39 weeks without medical indication



Health Equity – Maryland

- Goal: Reduce infant mortality by 10%
 - Reached in 2010
 - Still a wide racial gap in infant deaths
- New Goal: Reduce both total and black infant mortality rate in Maryland by 10% by 2012

Maryland: Babies Born Healthy

- Goal: Reduce both total and Black infant mortality in Maryland by 10% by 2012
 - Expanding Maryland Medical Assistance program eligibility for family planning to include all women at or below 200% of the federal poverty level

Maryland: Babies Born Healthy

- Developing standardized 34 hospital postpartum discharge process
- Developing state-wide FIMR and State Child Fatality Review database

ASTHO Resources

- ASTHO President’s Challenge on Healthy Babies
<http://www.astho.org/healthybabies/>
- ASTHO Health Equity Videos
<http://www.astho.org/Programs/Health-Equity/Health-Equity-Videos/>