

THE STATE OF INFANT MORTALITY IN ALABAMA

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AGENDA

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am to 9:15 am	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Dr. Mrinal M. Varma Provost Auburn University at Montgomery</p> <p>Mary G. McIntyre, MD, MPH, SSBB Chief Medical Officer Alabama Department of Public Health</p> <p>Rickey G. Green, MSCN, LBSW, CGPM, CGRS CEO-Project Director Birmingham Healthy Start Plus</p> <p>Cheryl Davis, DHA Executive Director The Gift of Life Foundation, Inc.</p> <p>Grace Thomas, MD, FACOG Medical Officer, Family Health Services Alabama Department of Public Health</p>
9:15 am to 10:45 am	<p>Plenary Session - Alabama Equity in Birth Outcomes...A Dream Deferred</p> <p>Arthur R. James, MD, FACOG</p>
10:45 am to 10:55 am	Morning Break
10:55 am to 12:10 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: Families Share Experiences of Fetal and Infant Loss</p> <p>Moderator: Lisa Carter, MSN, RN Region I Perinatal Coordinator Huntsville Hospital</p>
12:10 pm to 1:10 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:10 pm to 2:10 pm	<p>Plenary Session - Achieving Health Equity Is Not Impossible: Dig Deeper!</p> <p>Tanya T. Funchess, DHA, MPH, MSM Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Health Professions University of Southern Mississippi</p>

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2:10 pm to 2:50 pm	<p>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SESSIONS REPEAT</p> <p><i>Father to Father</i> Rickey G. Green, MSCN, LBSW, CGPM, CGRS CEO-Project Director Birmingham Healthy Start Plus</p> <p>Timothy Long Male Involvement Specialist II Birmingham Healthy Start Plus</p> <p><i>Safe Sleep</i> Lorena Kaplan, MPH Public Health Analyst-Campaign Lead Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development</p> <p><i>Preconception/Interconception Care</i> Gregory P. Jones, DO Obstetrician and Gynecologist Jackson Hospital</p> <p><i>Home Visiting as a Strategy to Reduce Infant Mortality</i> Tracye Strichik, PhD Senior Director Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education</p> <p>Julie Preskitt, MSOT, MPH, PhD Associate Professor UAB School of Public Health</p>
2:50 pm to 3:00 pm	Afternoon Break
3:00 pm to 3:40 pm	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS REPEAT
3:45 pm to 4:15 pm	<p><i>Alabama Infant Mortality Reduction Plan</i> Janice Smiley, MSN, RN Perinatal Health Division Director Alabama Department of Public Health</p>
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	<p><i>Closing Remarks & Evaluation</i> Chris Haag Title V MCH Block Grant Director Alabama Department of Public Health</p>

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SPEAKER BIOS

DR. ARTHUR R. JAMES

Dr. Arthur R. James is an obstetrician, gynecologist, and pediatrician who has been involved in the care of underserved populations for the entirety of his medical career. He is a member of the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, a former Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Pediatrics at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital, former Co-Chair of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality, current Co-Chair of the March of Dimes/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Health Equity Work Group, member of the Centering Healthcare, Inc. board of directors, board member of the Global Infant Safe Sleep Center, and the former Interim Executive Director of The Ohio State University Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. His primary area of interest is EQUITY. He completed his undergraduate degree at Stanford University, medical school at Washington University in St. Louis, and residency training at Nationwide Children's Hospital and the University of Texas at Houston Medical Center. Much of his approach to improving clinical outcomes is informed by the experience of being the youngest of six children in a poor family and being raised in an inner city, under-resourced, marginalized and predominantly black community.

DR. TANYA FUNCHESS

Dr. Tanya Funchess is an Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Prior to her new appointment at USM, Dr. Funchess served the last 17 years in various roles at the Mississippi State Department of Health from the Director of Health Equity, Director of the Office of Health Disparities Elimination, Director of Chronic Disease Bureau, Assistant Director of Tobacco, and numerous other roles and responsibilities. Dr. Funchess found the common theme across all programs was the need to address disparities and to collaborate with partners to achieve health equity. Under Dr. Funchess' leadership, the Mississippi State Department of Health released its first Health Disparities and Inequalities Report in 2015. In addition, Dr. Funchess brought many innovative programs to Mississippi to address health equity such as the starting of the Mississippi Community Research Fellows Training (CRFT) Program. The CRFT program serves to assist community members to become better consumers of research. Dr. Funchess finished her undergraduate degree at the University of Southern Mississippi in Business Administration, her Master's in Management from Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi; Master's in Public Health with an emphasis on Policy and Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi, and her Doctorate in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix. Dr. Funchess' research focus is health disparities and health equity related to obesity, language access, and Hepatitis B. Dr. Funchess resides in Magee, Mississippi, with her husband Chaucer Funchess, and son Chansé Funchess.

FAMILY PANELISTS

NATALIE WOODS DAVIS

Gift of Life Foundation

EUGENE AND CRYSTAL JOHNSON

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FELECIA MORGAN

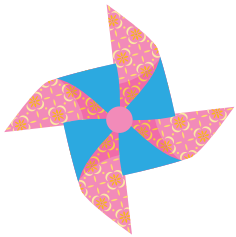
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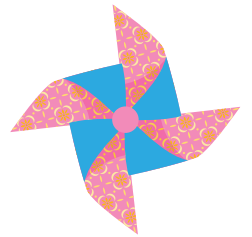
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SEPTEMBER IS INFANT MORTALITY
AWARENESS MONTH



IN 2016, ALABAMA HAD



537

INFANT DEATHS

For more information, visit alabamapublichealth.gov/perinatal

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES TITLE V BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The Alabama Department of Public Health's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Title V Block Grant Program protects and promotes the health of children and youth, mothers, and families. The MCH Program works to assure continued improvement in the health, safety, and well-being of pregnant women, infants, children, adolescents, and their families including: women of reproductive age, fathers, and children and youth with special health care needs. ADPH contracts with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services' Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) to provide services for children with special health care needs and their families. MCH and CRS staff develop programs and partnerships throughout the state, to identify, and recommend quality, preventive, rehabilitative, educational, and early treatment strategies and support to prevent illness, injury, disease, and death and to eliminate health disparities.

The MCH Program is administered through the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

BIRMINGHAM HEALTHY START PLUS

Since 1991, Birmingham Healthy Start Plus (BHSP) has been on its journey aiming to improve perinatal health outcomes and reduce disparities in infant mortality and adverse perinatal outcomes, i.e., low birthweight, preterm births, maternal morbidity and mortality, among eligible women residing in the proposed program areas (Birmingham, Bessemer, Fairfield in Jefferson County). Through our "Personal Touch" approach, the BHSP community health resource workers, health educators, RN-Nurse case managers, male involvement specialists, and professional counselors provide an array of comprehensive and support services through home visitation, on-site classes, and one-on-one educational, as well as counseling services to male and female participants, promoting self-advocacy and self-sufficiency. Wraparound services are accomplished through collaboration with the various partnering agencies within the communities. BHSP is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

GIFT OF LIFE FOUNDATION

Since 1988, Gift of Life Foundation (GOL) has been working to decrease infant mortality in Montgomery County through programs that empower women to reduce the challenges they face that threaten their health and prevent a healthy birth outcome. Our parent educators, mobile family coaches and registered nurses help first-time and parenting moms and dads develop effective parenting skills and connect them to community resources that help them increase self-sufficiency and succeed!

GOL offers programs that are designed to meet the unique needs of families. All our programs are voluntary and are offered at no cost to women, infants and children who are at a greater risk for infant mortality who live in Montgomery County. Programs include:

- Nurse Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers
- Mobile Family Coaching
- Fathers in Action
- Group Coaching