

Black Infant Health Practice Initiative Glossary and Information

The Black Infant Health Practice Initiative is a general revenue funded project, pursuant to the terms of 383.2162 (F.S.) that focuses on investigating racial disparities in fetal and infant mortality through a case review process. The Department is contracting with State and Federal Healthy Start Coalitions/consortia to: determine the significant social, economic, cultural, safety, and health system factors that are associated with racial disparities in infant mortality rates through a practice collaborative approach using perinatal periods of risk and modified fetal infant mortality reviews; develop a series of interventions and policies that address these factors to improve the service systems and community resources; participate in the implementation of community-based interventions and policies that address racial disparities in infant mortality rates; and assess the progress of the interventions.

Scope of Service: Funding is available for Healthy Start Coalitions/Consortia to: develop an interdisciplinary team to oversee the process in its local community; use perinatal periods of risk methodology when appropriate to examine infant deaths in its community; and use a modified FIMR approach to examine infant deaths in its community

Major Program Goals: The goal of this program is to create a black infant health practice initiative. The initiative will include reviews of infant mortality in select counties in the state in order to identify factors in the health and social services system.

Case Review Team: Team comprised of health, social service, and other infant mortality experts. The review team examines case summaries, charts and conducts interviews, and recommends proper community action when appropriate.

Coalition: Any state Healthy Start program.

Community Action Team: Team comprised of community leaders representing government, consumers, key institutions, and health and human services organizations that reviews recommendations, prioritizes identified issues, designs and implements interventions to improve outcomes for families regarding fetal and infant mortality.

Consortium: Any federal Healthy Start program.

Department: Florida Department of Health.

Funding Period: January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

FIMR: Fetal and Infant Mortality Review.

Infant Mortality: The death of a live-born infant within 364 days after the infant's birth.

Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR): A comprehensive analysis tool addressing both fetal and infant deaths in a community with the goal of examining potential opportunity gaps between population groups and targeting further investigations and prevention efforts for identified gaps.

Practice Collaborative: A coordinated effort between the Florida Department of Health, State Healthy Start Coalitions, Federal Healthy Start Consortia, Florida A & M University and the University of South Florida in the implementation of the Black Infant Health Practice Initiative.

State Fiscal Year: Period of time from July 1 through June 30.