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more first birthdays

Our Mission: FYC is urgently focused on lowering the Infant Mortality Rate in Cuyahoga County to under 6.0 Infant deaths per 1,000 live births by the end of 2020

2020 = 6

Our Solution?

First Year Cleveland is leading a new framework that is laser-focused on data-driven priorities that align and coordinate systems through community partnerships and strategies to decrease the number of our babies dying, particularly African American babies.

OUR COMMUNITY'S PRIORITIES:

Reducing
**RACIAL
DISPARITIES**

Addressing
**Extreme
PREMATURITY**

Eliminating
**SLEEP-
RELATED
Deaths**

2015

14,844 BIRTHS
155 DEATHS
27 SLEEP-RELATED

Disparity: 3.2

2016

14,748 BIRTHS
128 DEATHS
21 SLEEP-RELATED

Disparity: 3.3

2017

14,558 BIRTHS
118 DEATHS
13 SLEEP-RELATED

Disparity: 7.2

MISCONCEPTIONS

Babies are dying due to poor or no prenatal care

Poor Black babies are dying, so poverty must be key

Babies who are dying are born to teen moms and/or moms who abuse drug and alcohol

REALITY

Cuyahoga County has the highest rate of prenatal care in the state and the worst IMR

In 2015, 50% of African American babies who died from prematurity and birth defects were on Medicaid and 50% on private insurance

In the past 10 years, less than 4% of all infant deaths were born to teen moms and/or moms with addiction or mental health issues.



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