



## **Maternal and Infant Support Project**

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Grant funding supports [Birthing Beautiful Communities](#) to provide weekly childbirth and parenting education, peer-led support groups, and community-based mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women in Cuyahoga County. The grant also supports transportation assistance and life goal planning to reduce barriers to care. These services help mothers manage toxic stress, strengthen social support, and improve maternal and infant well-being.

Grant funding supports [The Centers](#) to provide home- and community-based perinatal support, including care coordination, essential needs assistance, transportation support, and culturally responsive mental health counseling for pregnant and postpartum families. Funds sustain key staff roles and expand services to include utility assistance and formalized behavioral health counseling. These investments strengthen family stability, reduce barriers to care, and improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

Grant funding supports [MomsFirst](#) to deliver home visiting services led by Community Health Workers for pregnant and parenting families in the City of Cleveland. Funds support health education, care coordination, and connections to resources, as well as group education sessions that promote safe sleep, nutrition, child development, and family health.

Grant funding supports [Village of Healing's](#) Mother to Mother to provide peer mentorship and community health worker support for pregnant and parenting mothers. Funds support trained volunteer mentors with lived experience, mental health screening and referrals, stigma-reduction activities, and connections to counseling and social supports. The grant also supports coordinated care through Better Health Partnership Hub, helping participants access holistic services that address complex health and social needs.

Grant funding supports [Project Milk Mission's](#) Maternal and Infant Health Education Program to provide accessible, community-based breastfeeding education and support for mothers. Each participant receives education, encouragement, and referrals designed to improve breastfeeding initiation and duration, strengthen maternal health, and promote healthy infant development.

Grant funding supports key positions that enhance the delivery of the **Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Program and NFPx** at MetroHealth, serving first-time and multiparous

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mothers. Nurse-Family Partnership is an evidence-based nurse home visiting program that pairs registered nurses with pregnant individuals and new parents to provide ongoing support from pregnancy through age 24 months, with the goal of improving maternal and child health outcomes. Contact information for this program: [mhernandez2@metrohealth.org](mailto:mhernandez2@metrohealth.org), [csalvetiu1@metrohealth.org](mailto:csalvetiu1@metrohealth.org)

Grant funding supports [Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center](#) to deliver culturally responsive prenatal education, community-building, and maternal mental health services. Funds support the M.O.M. (Making Opportunities Matter) program and the H.O.P.E. (Healthy Outlooks on the Postpartum Experience) therapeutic groups, as well as on-site counseling and holistic mental health supports in partnership with Bloom Behavioral Health.

Grant funding supports [Queen's Village](#) at Neighborhood Leadership Institute to engage and support mothers through peer support, leadership development, and community advocacy to reduce infant mortality. Funds support training and facilitation of a Community Advisory Board, community events, and needs-assessment activities to guide services. The program also supports outreach and navigation to connect pregnant women to health and social resources.

ODM funding supports four Community Health Workers at [University Hospitals](#) who enhance care for women receiving prenatal services at the UH Rainbow Ahuja Center for Women & Children. Through this support, enrolled patients gain improved access to comprehensive medical care, mental health services, and wraparound supports that address social, environmental, and emotional needs.