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Eliminating Disparities in Infant Mortality Task Force

Purpose

- To provide Governor DeWine with actionable recommendations on how to eliminate the racial disparity in the infant mortality rate
- Create a road map that guides Ohio to meet the Healthy People 2030 goals for ALL babies (5.0 per 1,000 births)
- Engage Black women, families and communities throughout the process to ensure that recommendations are grounded in reality



Timeline

March

- First Meeting
- Schedule local sessions

May-July

- Task Force meetings
- Draft ideas/recommendations

August

- Share draft recommendations with local communities
- Refine recommendations

April- Mid May

- Family listening sessions
- 30 held between 5/1 and 5/15

July

- Refine draft recommendations
- Partner survey

September

- Last meeting of Task Force
- Finalize recommendations

Agenda

8.17.21

- Structure for Recommendations
 - Review Focus
 - SMARTIE
- Small Groups Instructions/Team Time
 - Ideas/Recommendations Document
 - Key Questions for Discussion
- Report Outs/Additional Feedback
- Next Steps
 - Going Back Out to Local Communities
 - September 29- 10:00am-12:30pm; In-person, Final Meeting



Structure for Recommendations

Kristi Burre

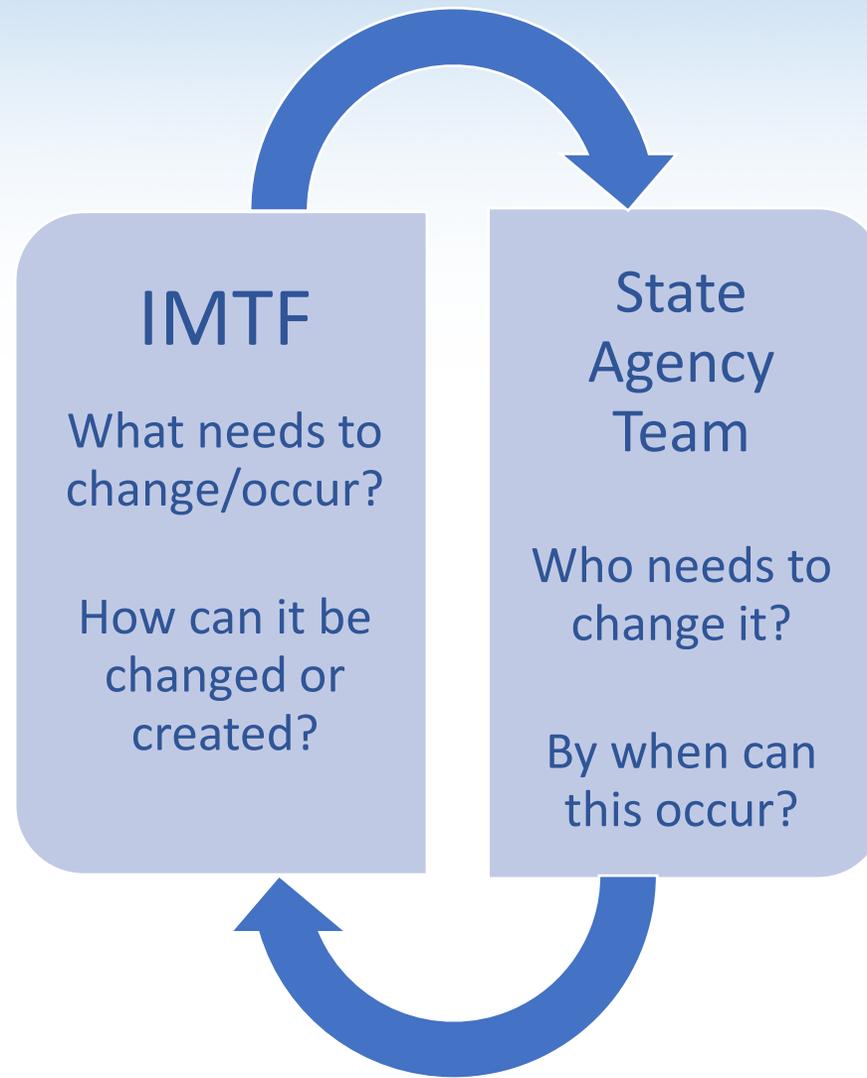


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- Not programs and services but **institutional and structural changes**.
- Opportunities for **Black women and families** to have “better access and outcomes”.
- We want to **create infrastructures and systems that ensure equitable access of resources and supports**.
- Create opportunities to have **choice in the places where Black families live**.
- We don't want **individuals to be solely responsible** for changes/opportunities that are created (we are focused **institutions and structures**).



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SMARTIE Framework

TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES		STATE TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES	
S TRATEGIC	Reflects an important dimension of what your organization seeks to accomplish (programmatic or capacity-building priorities).		
		M EASURABLE	Includes standards by which reasonable people can agree on whether the goal has been met (by numbers or defined qualities).
A MBITIOUS	Challenging enough that achievement would mean significant progress—a “stretch” for the organization.		
R EALISTIC	Not so challenging as to indicate lack of thought about resources, capacity, or execution; possible to track and worth the time and energy to do so.		
		T IME-BOUND	Includes a clear deadline.
I NCLUSIVE	Brings traditionally marginalized people—particularly those most impacted—into processes, activities, and decision/policy-making in a way that shares power.		
E QUITABLE	Seeks to address systemic injustice, inequity, or oppression.		

Review of Draft Recommendations & Small Group Activities

Sherrill Killins Stewart



Primary Sources of Data



Recommendation Chart

Column #1: High Level Recommendation

Description: Statement of change.

Column #2: Concept

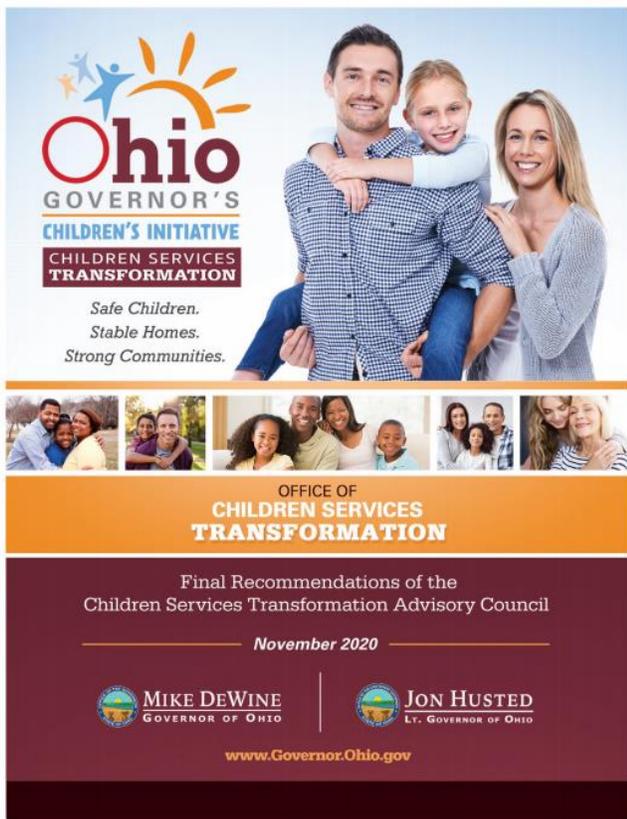
Description: Summarizes the issues that need to be addressed and actions that should be taken.

Column #3: Ideas

Description: Ideas that have been generated through the process, especially focused on discussions from the 6/15 and 7/27 meetings.



Task Force Recommendation Examples



The image shows the cover of a report titled "Final Recommendations of the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council" dated November 2020. The cover features the Ohio Governor's Children's Initiative logo at the top left, which includes a stylized sun and three figures. Below the logo is the text "Ohio GOVERNOR'S CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE CHILDREN SERVICES TRANSFORMATION". A central photograph shows a smiling family of four: a man, a woman, and two children. Below the photo is the slogan "Safe Children. Stable Homes. Strong Communities." The bottom section of the cover is dark red and contains the text "OFFICE OF CHILDREN SERVICES TRANSFORMATION", "Final Recommendations of the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council", "November 2020", and the signatures of Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted, along with the website "www.Governor.Ohio.gov".

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■ Integrate and expand peer parent partner work in Ohio.

Expand access to peer mentoring services from parents who have lived experience with children services, to empower families and prevent children from entering foster care.

■ Institute a statewide children services ombudsman.

Establish a state-level ombudsman to independently investigate and resolve complaints made by or on the behalf of children and families involved with children services. Ohio should have an independent outlet for individuals to voice their concerns with the foster care system.

■ Establish a Foster Youth Bill of Rights.

Codify a clear set of rights that youth in foster care may expect of the children services system.

Recommendations

Health Care Access & Quality	Education Access & Quality	Economic Stability	Neighborhood & Built Environment	Social & Community Context
<p>Improve the experience for Black patients of health care services and health outcomes, as measured by Black patients.</p>	<p>Increase access and remove barriers to comprehensive reproductive health education within the school districts that have the largest proportion of Black student enrollment and rates of teen pregnancy.</p>	<p>Work with Black businesses, community members, and community-based organizations to strengthen safety net policies and provide (and communicate) resources to support job creation.</p>	<p>Create and enforce housing programs, policies, and practices that respond to the expressed needs of marginalized communities, with an intentional focus on Black women, fathers, and families, to increase and sustain access to high-quality housing within the 11 counties, with high rates of Black infant deaths.</p>	<p>Identify priority policies to review and tailor where possible to support the whole family unit, with particular focus on fathers.</p>
<p>Increase access and choice within the 11 counties, with high Black infant mortality rates, to quality, non-biased health care for Black women, fathers and communities.</p>	<p>Create or enhance school policies that support whole family units (however defined by the family), and the distribution of equitable resources to increase access to programming and supports for Black children, families and communities.</p>	<p>Work with Black businesses, community members, and community-based organizations to identify policies and practices limiting generational wealth building and identify adjustments or new resources that support generational wealth building for Black families, growth of Black-owned businesses and equitable access to capital.</p>	<p>Increase access to sufficient, quality, nutritious foods within Black communities by developing, expanding, or funding business development; and creating alternative healthy food distribution methods in response to the shopping and buying patterns of Black women, families, and communities.</p>	<p>Create state standards that require program and policy decisions to engage Black communities on decisions specific to programming in the 11 counties, with high rates of Black infant deaths.</p>
	<p>Increase connection to and remove barriers for families to access quality early childhood resources in Black communities within the 11 counties, with high rates of Black infant deaths.</p> <p>Invest in and support the development of a Black early care and education and educational (K-12) workforce that reflects the children, students and families in the 11 counties, with high rates of Black infant deaths.</p>		<p>Partner with local governments to plan and invest in economic development strategies that are responsive to the living, housing, social networks, and transportation preferences of Black communities in the 11 counties aligned with opportunities for quality housing.</p>	<p>Provide more mental health prevention, screening and services within Black communities to promote healing and wellness and to decrease stress and trauma.</p>



Small Group Instructions

Purpose: Develop and/or refine recommendations

Time: 50 minutes

Identify a reporter

- Are the recommendations S-A-R-I-E?
 - Strategic and Ambitious?
 - Realistic?
 - Inclusive and Equitable?
- Do the concepts statements encompass the KEY policies, resources, etc. that need to be created or modified?
- Have all the **themes from Black families, partners and communities been addressed** in the recommendations and concepts?
- Is there a **recommendation that is missing?**



Report Outs

Each team gets 5 minutes:

- Any key changes/enhancements
 - New recommendations you added
 - Other key themes or discussion topics
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- Individual feedback on each recommendation you did not review-
Please enter thoughts into the chat



POLL QUESTION # 1

My ideas and/or strategies are included in the documents or notes from today's meeting.

Scale of 1-4

Level of Agreement

- 1 – Strongly disagree
- 2 – Somewhat disagree
- 3 – Somewhat agree
- 4 – Agree



POLL QUESTION # 2

Many of the ideas for recommendations which I have reviewed will benefit Black women, fathers, families and communities.

Scale of 1-4

Level of Agreement

- 1 – Strongly disagree
- 2 – Somewhat disagree
- 3 – Somewhat agree
- 4 – Agree



POLL QUESTION #3

Ideas within the control of the state which could contribute to the reduction of Black infant mortality have been included.

Scale of 1-4

Level of Agreement

- 1 – Strongly disagree
- 2 – Somewhat disagree
- 3 – Somewhat agree
- 4 – Agree



Next Steps/Closing

Jamie Carmichael



Going Back Out to Families

- 11 Sessions; 1 in each county will be held between 8/23-9/1
- Convening families that participated in or registered for May listening sessions
- Key Questions:
 - Do these recommendations reflect the ideas and hopes for your family that you provided to us?
 - Will they make a difference for you and your family?
 - How can we improve the recommendations?
 - How will we know if they worked (measuring success)?



Going Back Out to Families

- To listen in to one of the sessions, please contact **Chelsea Kiene**, who will be serving as the contact for the sign-ups.
ckiene@groundworkohio.org
- Space is limited, but they will do their best to accommodate Task Force members' schedule requests.
- Special thanks to Groundwork Ohio for coordinating the sessions and to Task Force members, Kim Dent and Cherze Willoughby for helping with facilitation.



Next Steps

- Next meeting- September 29, 2021

In-Person

10:00-12:30

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- Family feedback sessions
- Drafting commitment/schedule for future IMTF member engagement

