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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

7.27.21

- Structure for Recommendations
- Small Groups Instructions
 - Ideas/Recommendations Document
 - Partner Survey Results
- Team Time/Report Outs
- Next Steps
 - Next Meeting- August 17, 2021 (3:15-5:15)
 - Going Back Out to Local Communities
 - September In-Person, Final Meeting



Structure for Recommendations

Kristi Burre

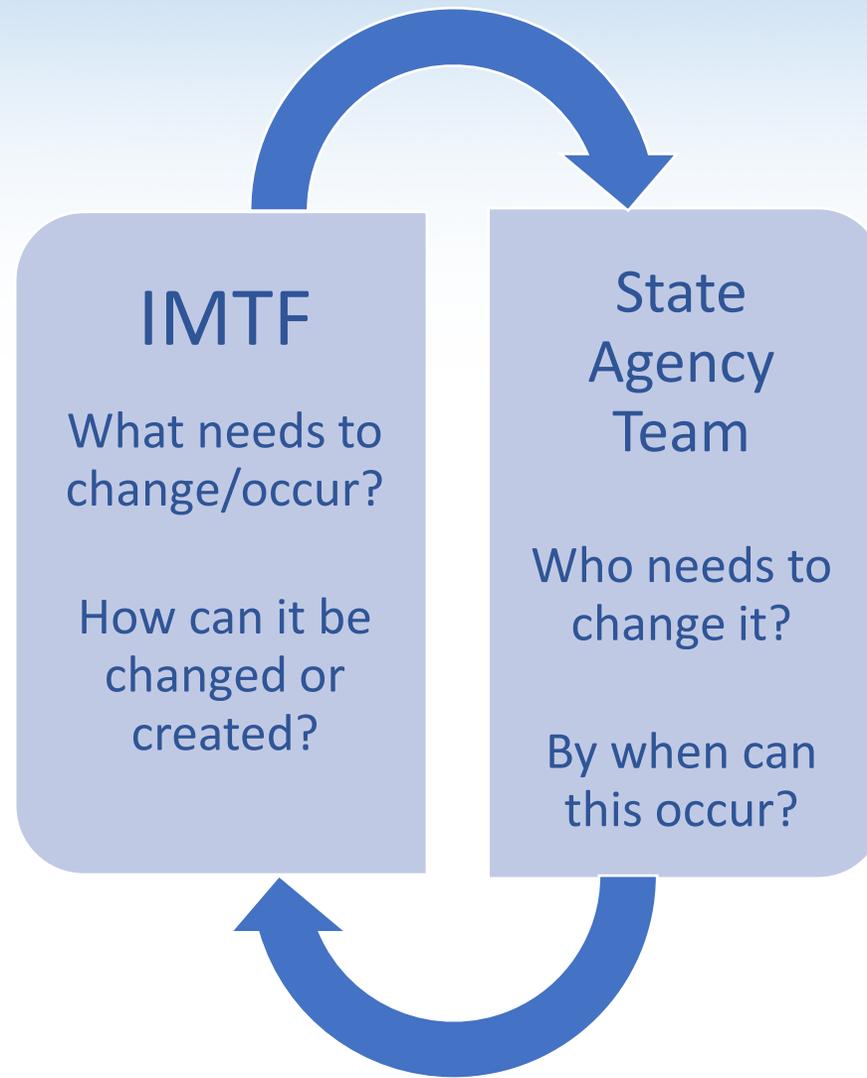


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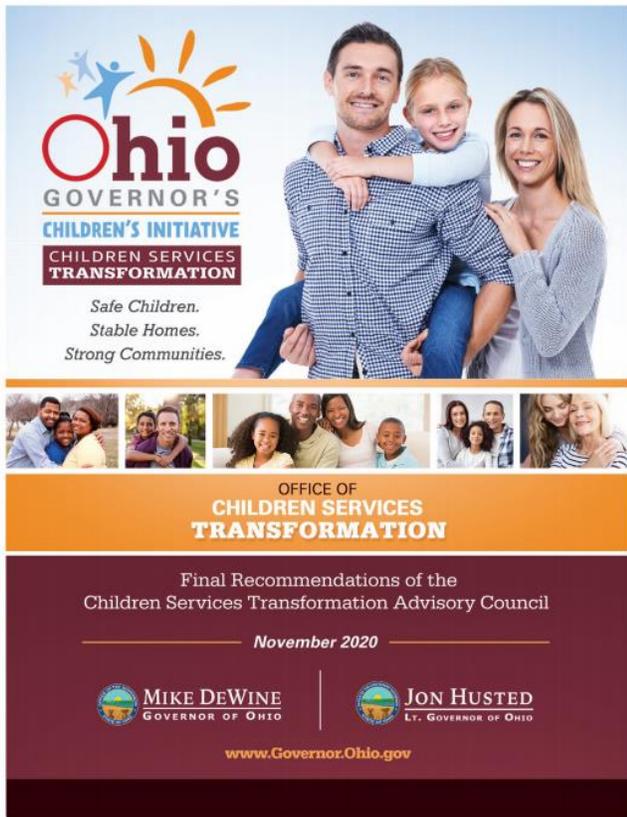
- Not programs and services but **institutional and structural changes**.
- Opportunities for **Black women and families** to have “better access and outcomes”.
- We want to **create infrastructures and systems that ensure equitable access of resources and supports**.
- Create opportunities to have **choice 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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Task Force Recommendation Examples



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". To the right is a photograph of a family: a man carrying a young girl on his shoulders, and a woman standing next to them. Below the photo are the slogans: "Safe Children. Stable Homes. Strong Communities." A horizontal strip of smaller photos shows diverse groups of children and families. The bottom section is a dark red banner with white text: "OFFICE OF CHILDREN SERVICES TRANSFORMATION", "Final Recommendations of the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council", "November 2020", and logos for "MIKE DEWINE GOVERNOR OF OHIO" and "JON HUSTED LT. GOVERNOR OF OHIO". The website "www.Governor.Ohio.gov" is at the bottom.

■ 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.

Small Group Activities

Sherri Killins Stewart



Primary Sources of Data



Recommendation Chart

Column #1: Task Force Ideas (June 15, 2021, Meeting)

Column #2: Family Listening Sessions Themes

Column #3: Partner Survey Themes

Column #4: Draft Recommendations

- State staff generated from columns #1 and #2

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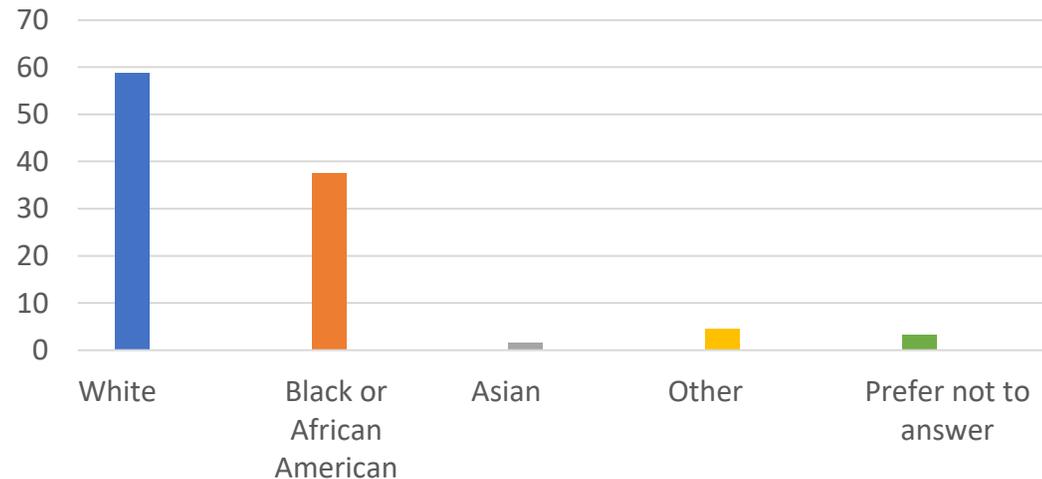
- Task Force ideas generated today



Partner Survey Results

- Survey open for 2 weeks
- 282 unique responses
- 39 counties: Franklin (43), Cuyahoga (41), Lucas (24)

% of Respondents By Race



Partner Survey Results

ORGANIZATION TYPE

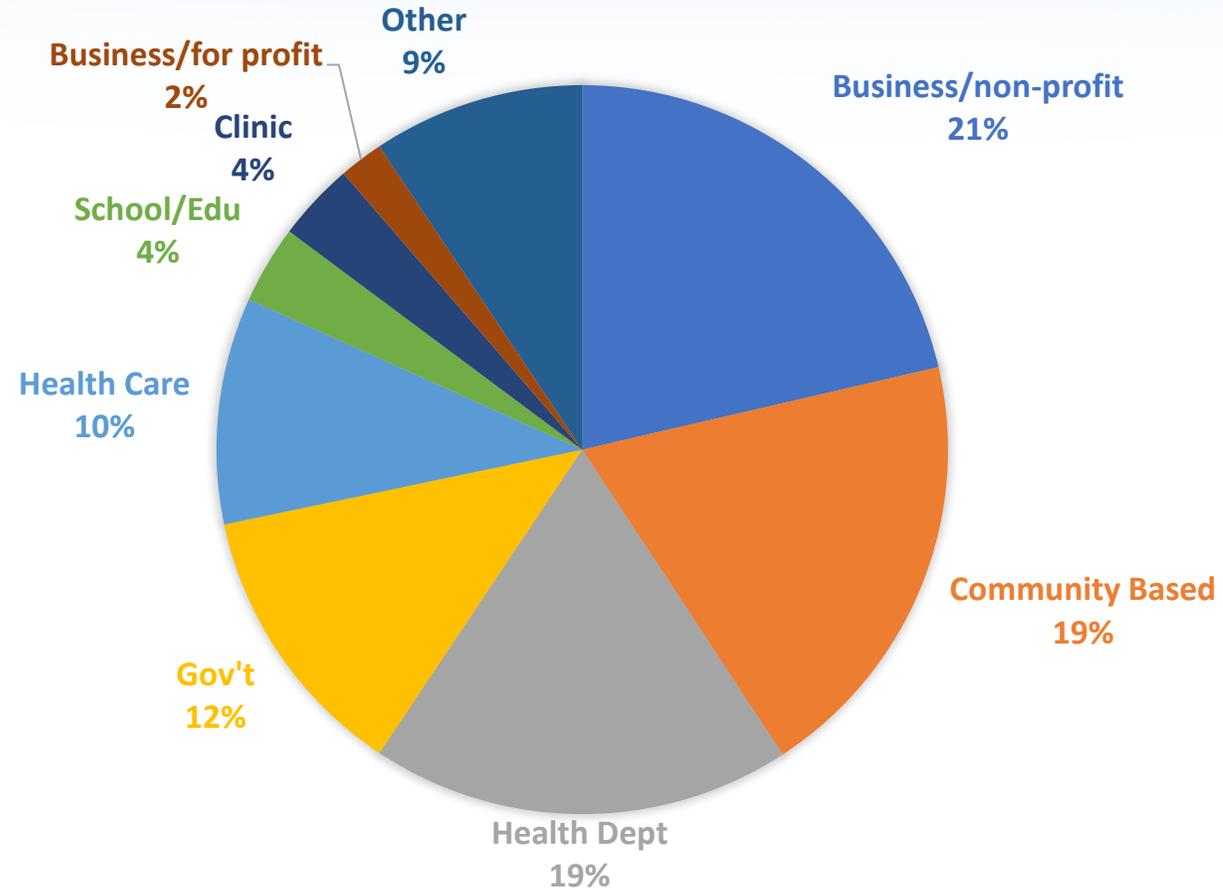
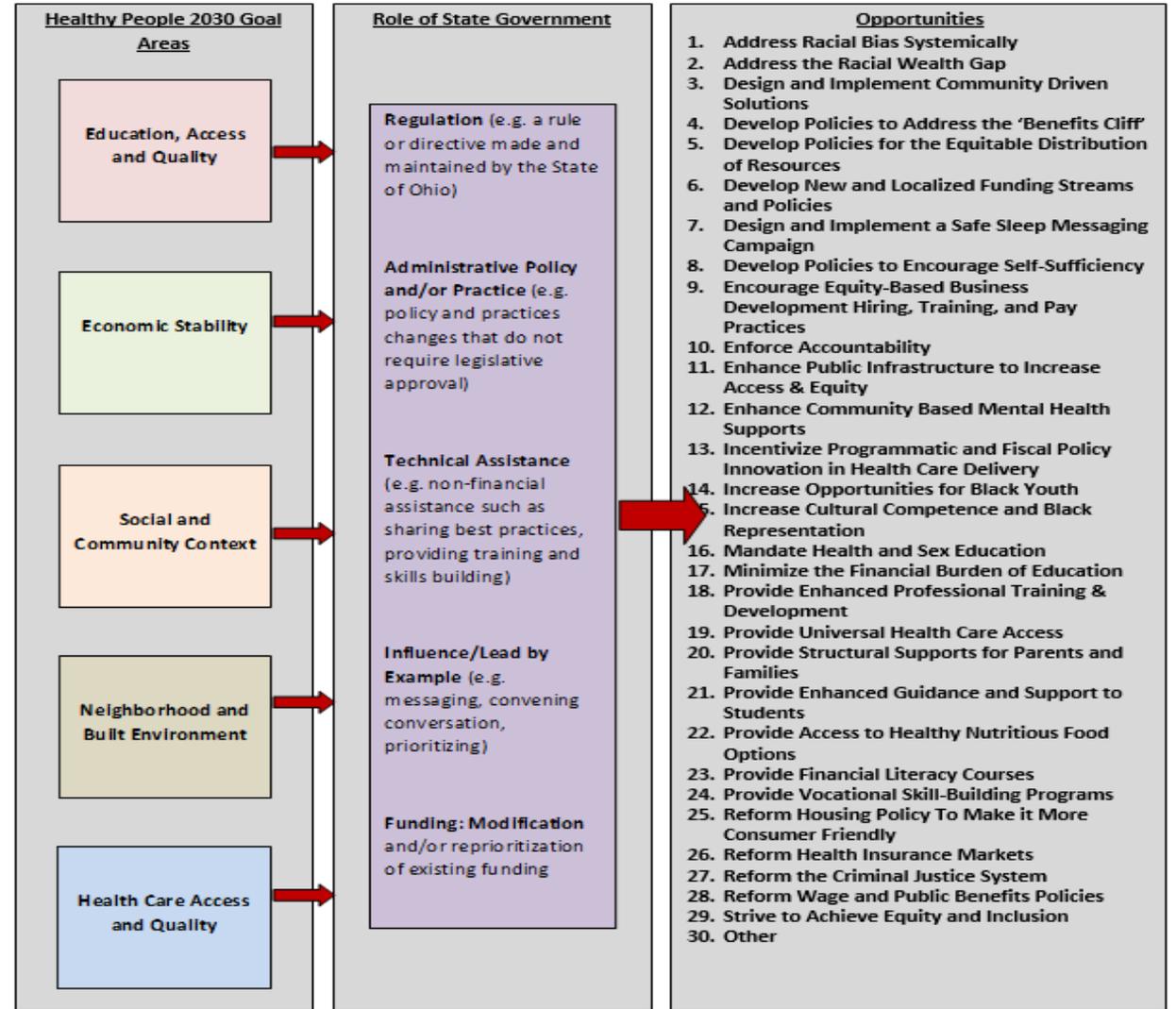


Table 2: Themes, Opportunities, and Ideas At-A-Glance



Partner Survey Results

Draft--Full Summary will be shared

Small Group Instructions

Group #1- Areas of Interest

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Small Group Instructions

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Group #2- Diverse Expertise of Task Force Participants

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Next Steps/Closing

Jamie Carmichael



Going Back Out to Families

- Groundwork Ohio will manage the logistics
- End of August
- 11 Sessions; 1 in each county
- Convening parents that participated in or registered for May listening sessions
- Recommendations from August 17 meeting will be shared with families
- All sessions will again be facilitated by Black women



Next Steps

- Next Meeting- August 17, 2021
- Partner Survey Results-Final Report will be sent out after approved
- Family Feedback Sessions
- Final, In-Person Meeting- September 29, 2021; 10:00-12:30

