

\$3,409,355 Awarded to Researchers Striving to Prevent Birth Defects, Premature Birth and Infant Mortality

Case Western Reserve University
\$450,000 (4 grants)

Case Western Reserve University/
MacDonald Women's Hospital
\$330,211 (1 grant)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital
\$651,908 (3 grants)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital/
University of Cincinnati
\$692,527(3 grants)

Cleveland Clinic
\$254,714 (2 grants)

Kent State University
\$270,108 (1 grant)

Ohio State University
\$429,887 (2 grants)

Ohio State University/ Nationwide
Children's Hospital (Columbus)
\$330,000 (1 grant)

Work With Legislators to Improve the Health of Mothers and Children 2010 Ohio Advocacy Agenda

1. Secure operational funding for Ohio Connection for Children with Special Needs (births defects registry).
2. Expand access to care for Ohio women of childbearing age to provide preconception and interconception health care to improve maternal health before and during pregnancy.
3. Secure continued and adequate funding of Mothers' and Children's Safety Net Services in Ohio.
4. Collaborate with other partners to eliminate barriers for pregnant women applying for Ohio Medicaid so that early prenatal care may be obtained.



In an Average Week in Ohio
2,896 babies are born
385 are born preterm
253 are born low birthweight
23 babies under the age of one die

The Prematurity Campaign

This year, over 20,000 babies in Ohio will be born preterm. Even for babies who survive, being born early can make the rest of their lives a challenge.

The March of Dimes is currently leading the National Prematurity Campaign to fight this pressing problem. The Ohio Chapter has been vigorously supporting this nationwide effort. Our activities include: supporting education events for health professionals, distributing free educational literature to parents and providers, and sharing awareness messages with millions of Ohioans.

In addition, Ohio is pleased to have a NICU Family Support Initiative in Akron, which provides emotional support and education to families faced with the challenge of having their newborn admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit. In 2010, the Ohio Chapter will work to extend components of this project to other communities. For families outside the service sites, information, resources and support are offered at

www.marchofdimes.com/nicu

For more information or to volunteer, please visit

www.marchofdimes.com/ohio

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\$195,250 to Support Projects to Help Women Have Healthy Babies

Community Health Partners Regional Foundation, Lorain, OH
Supports the Resource Mothers Program for home visits to high-risk pregnant women.

Family Health Services of East Central Ohio, Newark, OH
Provides preconception and prenatal education and vitamins to women in Licking, Muskingum and Perry counties.

Huron Hospital, East Cleveland, OH
Empowers expectant women and fathers-to-be to adopt healthier behaviors to improve birth outcomes.

Life Resource Centre, Dayton, OH
Supports the Promise Your Baby program which serves pregnant teens.

Office of Maternal and Infant Health and Infant Mortality Reduction, Cincinnati, OH
Supports the Women and Infant Vitality Network to implement CenteringPregnancy® to serve at-risk women.

Ohio University, Athens, OH
Provides support, education and smoking cessation education to pregnant women.

Ohio State University Prematurity Program, Columbus, OH
Provides preconception counseling to women who have had a prior preterm birth.

Union County Health Department Marysville, OH
Provides smoking cessation services to pregnant women.

University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
Provides support for "Get REEL," to engage community dialogue about racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes.

Aultman Hospital, Stark County, OH
Provides support for preconception education and efforts to reduce disparities.