

The March of Dimes New York State Chapter provides programs of **education, advocacy and community services** to improve maternal and infant health, combat racial, ethnic and geographic health disparities and increase awareness about and reduce the occurrence of premature births.

Launched in 2003, the March of Dimes Prematurity Campaign is a multiyear, multimillion-dollar research, awareness and education campaign to help families have healthier babies.

- * Premature birth is the leading cause of death in the first month of life.
- * In 2005, 1 in 8 babies (12.7% of live births) was born preterm in the United States.
- * In 2005, there were 29,883 preterm births in New York, representing 12.1% of live births.*
- * During 2003 – 2005, the average rate of preterm birth in New York was highest for black infants (16.5%), followed by Native Americans (13.%), Hispanics (12.4%), whites (10.2%) and Asians (9.7%).*
- * In an average week in New York 575 babies are born preterm, 96 babies are born very preterm, 393 babies are born low birthweight and 72 babies are born very low birthweight.*

*National Center for Health Statistics, final natality data.
Retrieved January 26, 2009, from www.marchofdimes.com/peristats.



New York State Chapter

2009/2010 Funding Opportunities

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com or nacersano.org.



Community Grants

- * Projects must address at least one of the March of Dimes 2010 Funding Priorities
- * Special emphasis placed on projects addressing eliminating racial disparities, preconception/interconception health and prematurity
- * Grant amounts range from \$10,000 to \$100,000
- * 2010 Grant Year: February 1, 2010 – January 31, 2011
- * Grant application, forms and frequently asked questions can be found at www.marchofdimes.com/newyork

Community and Professional Education Awards

- * Award amounts up to \$2,000 for mission-related projects, community programs, medical and nursing grand rounds, and quality improvement activities
- * Rolling application process

Research Grants

- * National March of Dimes biomedical and public policy research programs
- * Funds research projects that use several different approaches to advance the understanding of birth defects, prematurity, and other fatal or disabling conditions
- * For more information visit www.marchofdimes.com (click: "Professionals & Researchers", "Research Funding") or email: ResearchGrants@marchofdimes.com

For more information contact your local March of Dimes Division

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For answers to your maternallinfant health questions, ask the March of Dimes at askus@marchofdimes.com or go to www.marchofdimesbaby.org.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of all babies.

Visit the March of Dimes website at www.marchofdimes.com or its Spanish language website at www.nacersano.org

Support the March of Dimes, the champion for babies.

