

Research Prevents Birth Defects, Premature Birth and Infant Mortality

\$2,974,621 currently awarded

Case Western Reserve University
\$682,950 (4 grants)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital
\$688,453 (4 grants)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital/
University of Cincinnati
\$393,331 (2 grants)

Cleveland Clinic
\$300,000 (2 grants)

Cleveland State University
\$150,000 (1 grant)

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

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

Work With Legislators Continues to Improve the Health of Mothers and Children

2009 Ohio Advocacy Agenda

1. Secure operational funding for the Ohio Connection for Children with Special Needs Program (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 Child and Family Health 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.



Community Projects Help Women Have Healthy Babies

\$183,660 awarded to 12 organizations

Athens County Department of Job and Family Services	\$7,000
Aultman Hospital, Canton, OH	\$24,824
Brighton Center, Newport, KY	\$25,000
Community Health Partners Regional Foundation, Lorain, OH	\$25,000
Family Health Services of East Central Ohio, Newark, OH	\$6,545
Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Cincinnati, OH	\$24,992
Humility of Mary Health Partners Youngstown, OH	\$23,419
Life Resource Center, Dayton, OH	\$4,640
Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus, OH	\$6,386
Preble County General Health District	\$8,000
The Toledo Hospital, Toledo, OH	\$19,356
Tri-Rivers Career Center, Marion, OH	\$8,498

An additional \$24,340 will be awarded in 2009 for community projects.

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The Prematurity Campaign

This year alone, over 19,000 babies in Ohio will be born premature and many will suffer both short and long-term difficulties associated with arriving too small and too soon. Even for babies who survive, being born early can make the rest of their lives a challenge.

The March of Dimes is currently conducting a multi-year 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, with a second site set to launch in Columbus, which provides emotional support and education to families faced with the challenge of having their newborn admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). For families outside the program's service sites, information, resources and support are offered at marchofdimes.com/nicu and marchofdimes.com/share.

Educating and Supporting Health Care Providers

In addition to providing resources and financial support to further the education of health professionals through conferences, seminars and workshops, the March of Dimes offers **The Compendium on Preterm Birth**, a **FREE** online curriculum providing continuing education credits to help providers learn to better identify patients at risk for having a preterm baby.

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For more than 70 years, the March of Dimes has improved the lives of babies. Founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to fight polio, the March of Dimes funded research that led to the vaccines that eradicated polio in the United States. Today, by funding research, advocacy, education and community services, the March of Dimes is working to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Over 3 million volunteers plan and implement programs, define the policies and strategic direction and raise the funds necessary to sustain the work that is set forth to meet our goals. Every dime that is entrusted to the March of Dimes furthers our mission to save babies. And, every supporter – board member, committee member, event participant and donor - should feel proud that their gift of giving is making a difference for all babies and families.