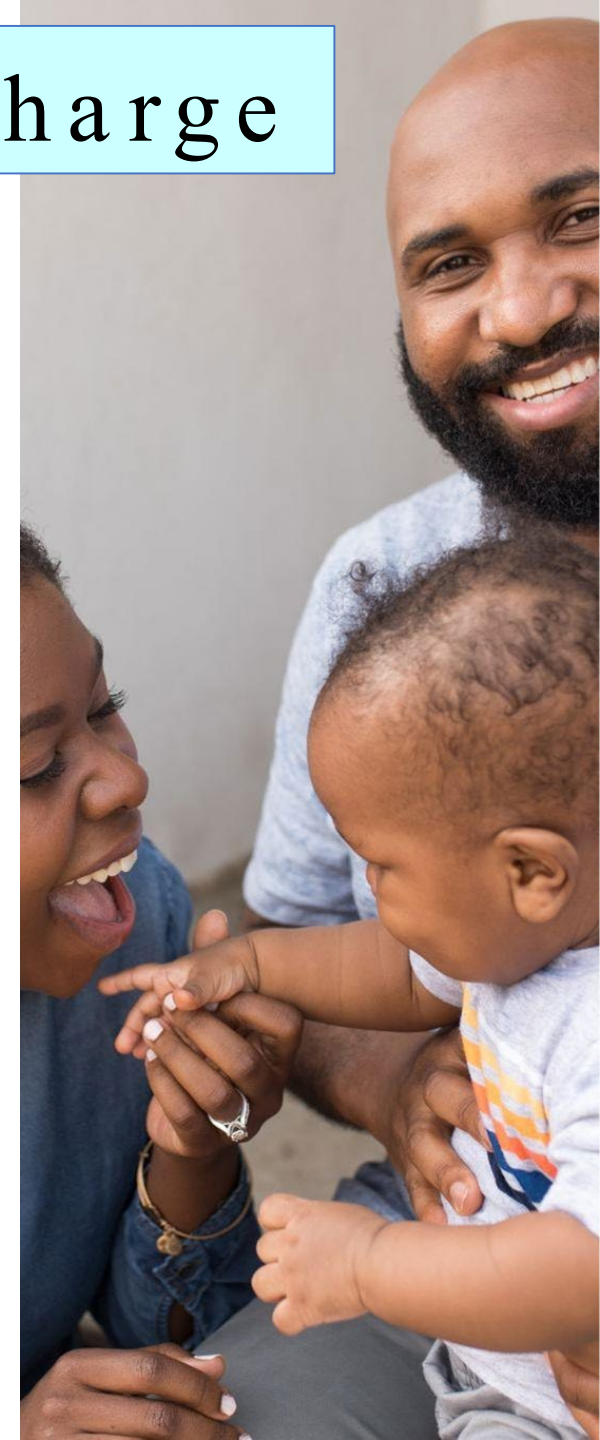
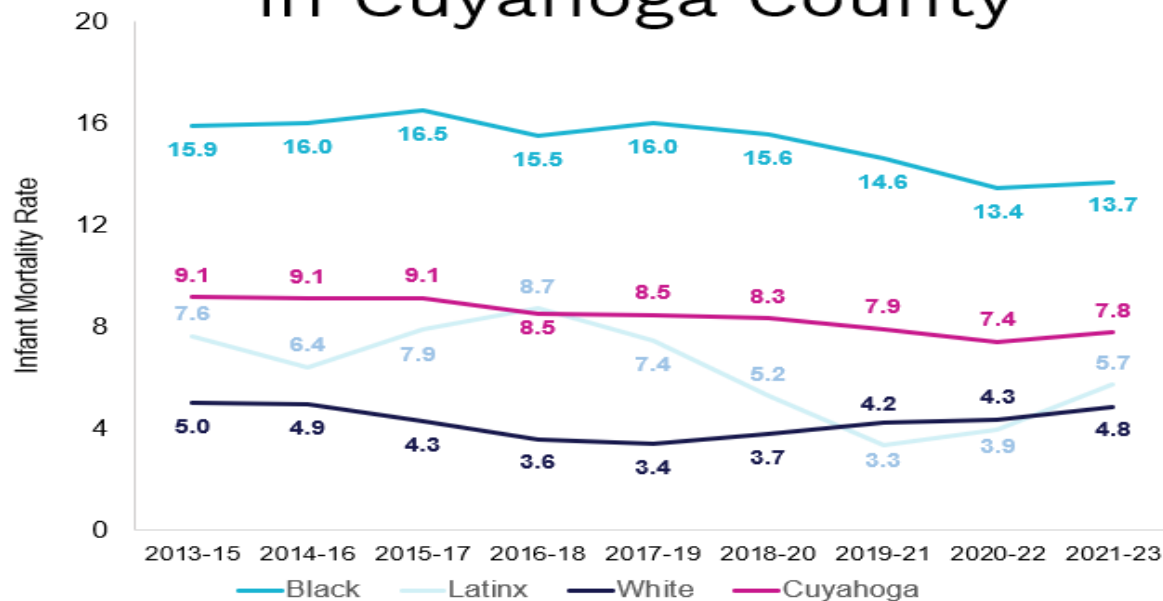


First Year Cleveland's Charge

3-Year Infant Mortality Rate in Cuyahoga County



Increase understanding of inequities in infant mortality

Provide support for programs and community organizations

Advocate for policy and systems changes

Community - Driven

Convening, Investment, Advocacy

Listen to families and providers and do what they ask.

Address upstream drivers of infant mortality and downstream impacts when families are denied what they need to thrive.



2022-2024 Neighborhood Distribution of Infant Deaths

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Neighborhoods with Highest Infant Mortality Rates:

KINSMAN

GOODRICH -KIRTLAND PARK

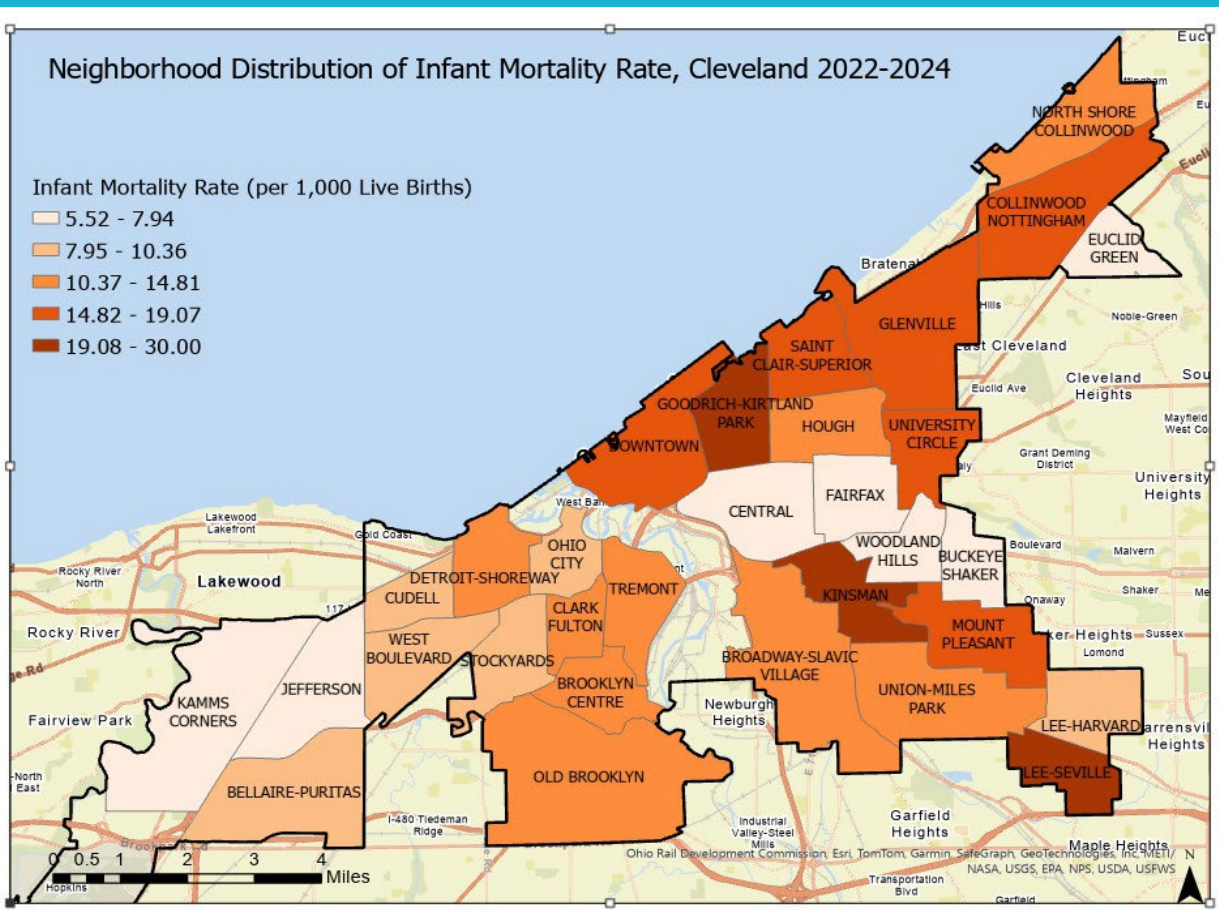
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Source: Ohio Department of Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics; 2024 data are preliminary



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb
PUBLIC HEALTH



Convening Partners

Open to all, responsive to community needs/requests

Topics: housing, maternal mental health, education & workforce development, civic engagement, accountable healthcare, building capacity/funding

Community Partner Meeting

Expanding Organizational Capacity; Building Networks, Support, and Funding Opportunities in Times of Uncertainty

**Thursday
November 20, 2025
8:30 am - 11:00 am**

Ti-C Metro's Jerry Sue Thornton Center
2500 E 22nd Street, Cleveland, OH 44115
Breakfast at 8:30 am; program begins at 9:00 am

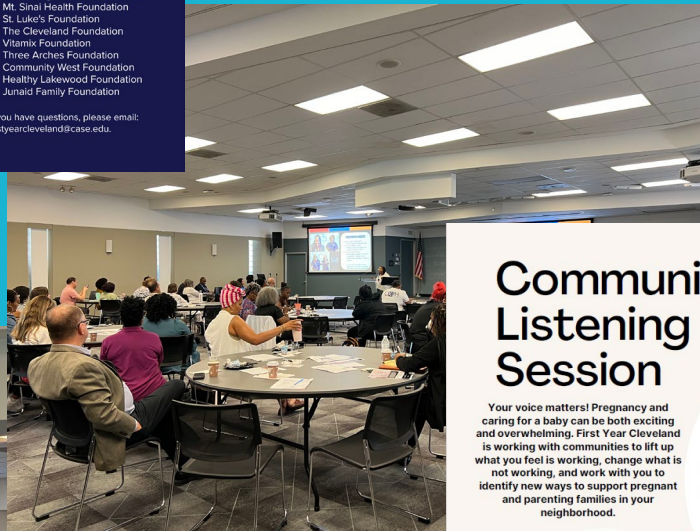
Thank you to our valued philanthropic, advocacy, and community partners who have supported these forums:

- Greater Cleveland Funders Collaborative
- Human Services Chamber at The Center for Community Solutions
- The Bruening Foundation
- Cuyahoga Arts & Culture
- The George Gund Foundation
- Mt. Sinai Health Foundation
- St. Luke's Foundation
- The Cleveland Foundation
- Vitamix Foundation
- Three Arches Foundation
- Community West Foundation
- Healthy Lakewood Foundation
- Junaid Family Foundation

Nonprofits in infant & maternal health are invited to our fourth gathering, to build capacity for your organizations in support of Cuyahoga County families. A panel of funders along with members of the Greater Cleveland Funders Collaborative (GCFC) and Human Services Chamber at The Center for Community Solutions will lead a conversation about funding, the state of human services in Cuyahoga County, and how to creatively and strategically strengthen your organizations for the road ahead. Interested in joining the Human Services Chamber? Begin the process at the forum!

Free parking and light breakfast provided

REGISTER HERE
or here:
<https://firstyearcleveland.org/community-partners-meeting-july-1-2024>



Community Listening Session

Your voice matters! Pregnancy and caring for a baby can be both exciting and overwhelming. First Year Cleveland is working with communities to lift up what you feel is working, change what is not working, and work with you to identify new ways to support pregnant and parenting families in your neighborhood.

First Year Cleveland

Join Us
**JULY 17
4:30PM-5:30PM**

Time is money! The first 30 people who attend will receive a \$25 gift card at the end of the session.

For more information call 216.368.5017.

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CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
17109 LAKE SHORE BLVD,
CLEVELAND, OH

CoHealing

Are you a care provider who supports pregnant and parenting families, navigating grief and loss alongside families you care for?

Indirect trauma, including burnout and secondary trauma, is an inevitable outcome of helping professionals who experience grief and loss themselves. We invite you to CoHealing, a 6-session small group intervention aimed at expanding your 'window of tolerance' by providing tools, relational connection and education. This caring and supportive group will be led by Michaela Jackson-Smith of CWRU Mandel School's Center on Trauma and Adversity, and it will provide you with awareness, application, and restoration as we build communal power together. Content will center on those who care for pregnant people and parents with babies up to age one.

Continuing Education Applications have been submitted for nursing, social work, family therapy, counseling, and medicine and are pending approval.

presented by

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Center on Trauma and Adversity

FYC FIRST YEAR CLEVELAND

THE CENTERS
A Youth Family Well-Being

DATES & TIME
Mondays from 11:30am- 1:30pm

- September 22, 2025
- October 27, 2025
- November 24, 2025
- January 26, 2026
- February 23, 2026 (12:00pm - 2:00pm)
- March 23, 2026

Lunch will be provided

LOCATION
The Centers
Mandel Community Room
4500 Euclid Avenue

There is no cost to attend, but you are encouraged to attend all 6 sessions. RSVPs required so we can plan for meals. Email mjs30@case.edu with questions.

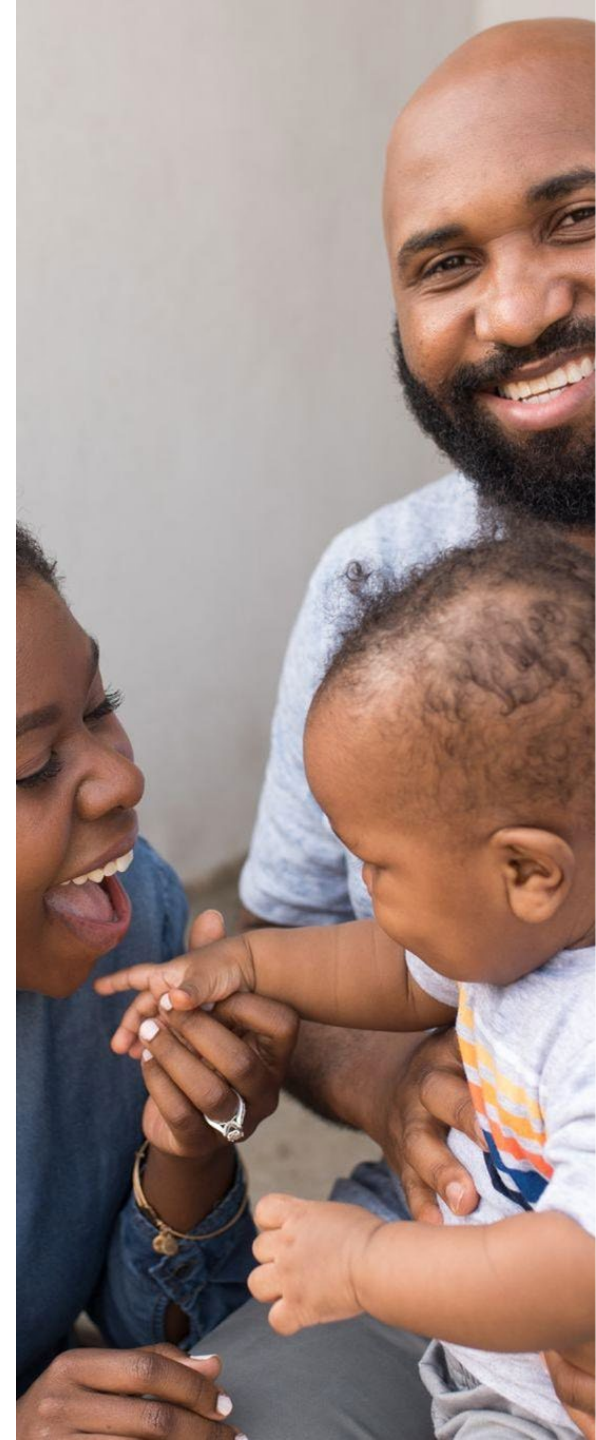
RSVP Here



Responsive Grantmaking & Investment

> \$7 million from 2022 -2024

- **OH Dept of Medicaid** —FYC administers approx. \$2.4M/year to 9 partner organizations; over 4,000 served from 2022 -2024
- **Mini -Grants** —over 40 \$5,000 mini grants to organizations to purchase car seats and diapers, invest in training & technology to serve more
- **\$50,000+ RFPs** —provided mental health practitioners, community leader training, + billing lactation training, car seats, Cribs4Kids sustainability
- **Housing RFP** — up to \$50,000 to provide emergency utility and rental assistance in response to housing crisis for pregnant/parenting families
- **Healthy Beginnings at Home** - providing housing to 30 pregnant women





Infant Vitality ADVOCACY DAY

September 30, 2025

Founding
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Lighting the Way to One

ILLUMINATING HOPE
FOR OHIO FAMILIES



Looking ahead

- Identify and implement shared strategies across health systems to ensure optimal patient experience and outcomes
- Identify and implement strategies to address social determinants that impact pregnant and parenting families
- Create and implement risk reduction model for safe sleep
- Create platform to increase community participation in advocacy work
- Launch mobile app FYConnects

For more information, visit us
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www.firstyearcleveland.org

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