

Executive Summary
The Transparency Program “TPP”
MomsFirst Fatherhood Coordinator

Background/Purpose:

Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into one or more contracts with The Transparency Program to continue to provide Fatherhood services to participants in the MomsFirst project. Since August 2019 121 father/partners have been enrolled into MomsFirst and are receiving the health education and support of the program.

MomsFirst is a program designed to reduce disparities in infant mortality in the City of Cleveland utilizing three approaches: 1) improve women’s health, 2) improve family health and wellness, and promote systems change. All high risk City of Cleveland pregnant women are eligible for enrollment into the program.

Criteria around improving family health and wellness created the need for the MomsFirst Project to seek a Fatherhood Coordinator to engage and enroll fathers and partners of MomsFirst participants into the Project. The goals of the federal funder, the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, are for each project to:

1. Engage and promote fathers/male partner involvement in Healthy Start education, activities, services, and events for at least 100 fathers/male partners affiliated with Healthy Start women and infants/children annually.
2. Utilize assessment tools and evidence-based curriculum with Healthy Start fathers/male partners.
3. Support healthy relationships between parents/partners, strengthening life skills, and supporting opportunities for self-sufficiency and economic stability of the family.
4. Involve fathers/male partners across all perinatal phases – prenatal, postpartum and parenting.

The goal is to engage and involve fathers-to-be and new fathers in prenatal care, childbirth events, infant care and co-parenting. Once engaged, fathers are provided home visits, case management, coaching, and referrals to meet participant needs.

Contract Amount: \$80,000.00

Term: April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Funding Source: 2023 General Fund