

Catholic Charities Healthy Start

The Tarrant County Infant Mortality Task Force is a broad-based, community coalition that is working to effectively address one of the most important health and social issues. Tarrant County is one of many areas of the country that suffers from disproportionate infant mortality rates. The Infant Mortality Task Force strives to save the lives of the community's most vulnerable members. The mission of the Infant Mortality Task Force is to improve pregnancy outcomes and reduce infant mortality through community collaboration. The goal is to reduce infant mortality in Tarrant County through the implementation of a sustained initiative developed by the Task Force. The Task Force strives to meet the Healthy People 2010 objective for infant mortality-no more than 4.5 infant deaths/1000 live births.

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CityMatCH Presents...



Featuring Fort Worth: Reverse Site Visit Luncheon

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This project adapted the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) tool for use at the neighborhood level. It is a partnership between the Public Health Department's Outreach Division and the Fort Worth Police Department's community oriented policing. In collaboration with the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO), the project focused on the geographic boundaries of the officer's beat. The target area has a rich history, prime location, an urban university and a diverse population. The neighborhood also faces a lack of community organization, high crime rates, poor housing conditions, high rates of infant mortality and other health indicators. Representatives from the community and partners from other city departments, social service agencies, law enforcement, schools and religious organizations met to conduct or review assessments and to identify the top five strategic issues. The project has strengthened partnerships between city departments and agencies serving the community. The project is in its implementation phase.

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"Read to Your Child"

The Tarrant County Public Health WIC Program has challenged WIC participants through the library plan, "Read To Your Child", to explore local libraries and introduce their young children to the world of reading and healthy eating. From its inception, the goals of the Library Plan were to connect two public health issues. The first goal was to promote early literacy and parent/child bonding. The second goal was to develop early nutrition concepts and promote breastfeeding education in the community. In an effort to expand nutrition education options, the Library Plan is offered to WIC participants whose children are six months to five years of age and to pregnant and breastfeeding women as a nutrition education option.

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Tarrant County Public Health WIC Program

The Tarrant County Health Department WIC Program promotes and provides incentives to pregnant and breastfeeding women to increase breastfeeding rates and duration. Examples of the breastfeeding support available to breastfeeding women in the state and local area will be exhibited.

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Cook Children's Medical Center

The Children's Oral Health Coalition (COHC) was established in 1998 to improve the oral health of children in Tarrant County through community collaboration. The goal of the COHC is to strengthen oral health services to underserved children.

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Tarrant County Public Health - Family Violence Prevention Project

Tarrant County Public Health Family Violence Prevention Project provides primary family violence prevention education on the following topics: anger management, bullying, sexual harassment, teen dating violence, the dynamics of family violence, the effects of family violence on children and stress reduction. Our violence prevention education is offered to school children in grades 3-12, parent groups, and various community agencies that work with families. We also offer train-the-trainer sessions on those topics as well. We provide family violence brochures and materials in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Our mission is to shred the secrecy of family violence through education, advocacy and public awareness campaign efforts.

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Tarrant County Public Health

Teen Videofest is a joint program between Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) and other community agencies challenging teens to speak out -- through video on an aspect of teen health that they feel is important. The contest portion of the program is for youth, ages 13-19, who reside in Tarrant County. Participants are provided general health categories from which to draw their topics, are given high-quality VHS tapes and DVDs to use, and must also do most of the production work by themselves--with no direct adult help. They are also provided assistance--if needed--from local video production companies to edit their video. Teen Videofest provides teenagers an exciting, worthwhile program that requires creativity, cooperation and teamwork--and one that makes an impact. The community benefits by having the opportunity to see serious health issues, problems and threats through teenage eyes. But most importantly, the Teen Videofest program gives our teenagers a meaningful and valuable way to help other teens improve their health and well being through the positive messages they incorporate in their videos.

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Asthma Prevention:

Tarrant County Public Health, Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention.

This program focuses on children, parents, school nurses, and other people interested in learning more about asthma. After our program, participants should be able to: recognize the changes in the lungs/ airway that occur during an asthmatic episode, name several signs and symptoms of asthma, know what is meant by "asthma triggers," discuss treatment options of asthma, identify environmental changes that can be made to reduce or eliminate triggers, know the difference between control and rescue medications, know how to correctly use inhalers, and correctly use a peak flow meter.

Our goal is to help empower those who suffer from asthma in order for them to take control of their life with minimal asthma symptoms!

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