

A Black woman living in Miami-Dade County is two and a half times more likely than her white neighbor to see her baby die.



In 2007, the Legislature passed and Governor Charlie Crist signed House Bill 1269, creating the Black Infant Health Practice Initiative (BIHPI), a statewide practice collaborative to address the issue of racial disparity in infant deaths in Florida. The purpose of this legislation is to determine the medical and social factors contributing to the elevated rates of death among Black infants in Florida and to develop community-based strategies and recommend policy changes at the local and state level to address the disparity.



What can you do to help?



Each county is charged with determining the social, economic, safety and health system factors that are associated with racial disparities in infant mortality in their community. Based on this community-based research, the communities will develop a series of interventions and policies that are designed to address the disparity factors associated with infant deaths.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Miami-Dade Community Action Team (CAT) and taking an active role in addressing this critical issue in our community, email BIHPI@hscmd.org or visit www.hscmd.org/bihpi.asp.

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