***2015-16 Recommended Action Plan: Summary***

|  | **Issue** | **Program Strategies** |
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| **Infancy** | **Infant mortality rates** in northeast Florida exceed state, national rates. | * Increase Healthy Start infant screening rates, initial contacts, delivery of intensive, face-to-face case management and related risk reduction services through Healthy Start.
* Continue Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) implementation targeting first-time mothers.
* Provide training on core competencies, social determinants, Partners for a Healthy Baby Florida State University (FSU) curriculum, life course to case managers, partner agency staff.
* Strengthen and expand fatherhood initiatives, including BREACH partnership and Magnolia and Healthy Start Programs
* Create Fatherhood Task Force
* Expand services to Hispanic population.
* Monitor QA activities for Healthy Start programs, including Magnolia and Teen Health Project
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| **Infant mortality rates for blacks and babies of other races** is twice as high as the rates for white babies. | * Ensure high-risk prenatal participants are transitioned to postpartum services.
* Continue implementation of social marketing campaign to increase awareness of black infant mortality and behavioral risks.
* Expand community advocacy and engagement activities (Grassroots Leadership Academy; lay health worker training, PPE, Barbers for Babies).
* Identify high levels of stress, including prolonged “toxic stress” , intimate partner violence and other trauma for Magnolia Participants and link to resources
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| **Postneonatal mortality** (28-365 days) is higher than state and national rates. | * Partner with The Players Center for Child Health at Wolfson’s Children’s Hospital to address SIDS and other sleep-related deaths.
* Distribute safe sleep material to prenatal care providers through outreach activities.
* Implement Children’s University in Health Zone 1 through New Town Success Zone
* Bring back the Safe Sleep Partnership
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| **Low birth weight** rates exceed state and national rates. | * Continue to implement evidence-based Smoking Cessation and Reduction in Pregnancy Treatment (SCRIPT) ProgramProvide interconceptional services to high-risk mothers.
* Promote enrollment in health insurance options available under the Affordable Care Act through Healthy Start, MomCare and the Magnolia Project.
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| Reduce number of babies born substance exposed | * Create a Quarterly Substance Exposed New Born Task Force
* Continue implementation of the Azalea Project
* Partner with agencies that serve as referral sources for substance abusing women (River Region, Starting Point, Gateway, etc)
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| **Childhood & Adolescence** | Too many **children** are **overweigh**t or at-risk of being over-weight. | * Promote and encourage efforts by area hospitals to secure designation as Baby Friendly Hospitals.
* Partner with Childhood Obesity Coalition to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration focusing on child care centers and worksites.
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| The **teen STD/HIV rate** in the region exceeds state and national rates. | * Continue implementation of 4ME Teen Health Project in partnership with low-income housing communities and other community partners (PREP grant).
* Implement mini-grants to teen-serving agencies to address Teen Pregnancy Prevention Plan recommendations and expand to include male involvement, incarcerated youth and foster care youth
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| **Repeat births** to teens are increasing. | * Identify and pilot, based on availability of funding, an evidence-based intervention through Healthy Start aimed at reducing repeat teen pregnancies.
* Implement NFP in high-risk communities.
* Increase awareness of Long Acting Reversable Contraception (LARC)
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| **Preconception** | Women age 15-44 do not regularly consume a **multivitamin** containing **folic acid.** | * Increase interconception education and counseling provided to postpartum HS participants on key behaviors, including daily folate consumption.
* Continue implementation of Show Your Love preconception campaign.
* Implement Preconception Peer Educator (PPE) program targeting college-age women.
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| Too many women age 15-44 use **tobacco**. | * Implement evidence based smoking cessation program (SCRIPT ) to all H.S. providers
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| **STD/HIV rates** among women of childbearing age are increasing in the region. | * + Increase integration of STD/HIV treatment and family planning services.
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| Too many women are **overweight or obese** prior to pregnancy. | * Provide interconception care and risk reduction services to women who are overweight or obese through Healthy Start, WIC.
* Build partnership with Johnson Family YMCA for Magnolia Project participants and other Healthy Start participants
* Participate in the Clinton Health Matters Initiative (CHMI) Food Access and Nutrition work group to increase access to healthy fruits and vegetables
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| More than one fourth of women have **interpregnancy intervals of less than 18 months**. | * Promote participation of women enrolled in Healthy Start, Healthy Families, MomCare and other programs in family planning Medicaid waiver.
* Stress importance of baby spacing in Healthy Start case management activities.
* Increase awareness of Long Aacting Reversable Contraception (LARC)
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| **Pregnancy & Childbirth** | Women delivering with **late or no prenatal care** has increased significantly in the region. | * + Promote simplified Medicaid enrollment process for pregnant women.
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| Too many women use **tobacco** while they are pregnant. | * Expand evidence based smoking cessation program (SCRIPT ) to all H.S. providers
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| **Maternal mortality** in the region exceeds state rates and is increasing. | * Continue interconceptional case management and risk reduction services for high-risk mothers.
* Promote enrollment in health insurance options available under the Affordable Care Act through Healthy Start, MomCare.
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| **Single motherhood** is increasing in the region among all groups. | * Integrate life course perspective into all programs.
* Promote healthy relationships through teen programing, fatherhood. Healthy Start, Magnolia and NFP
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| **Infant mortality rates** in northeast Florida exceed state, national rates. | * Provide support for local infant mortality task forces (St. Johns, Baker, Nassau) expand to include Clay County
* Implement targeted initiatives for high-risk mothers (Magnolia, Azalea, NFP)
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