Black Child Legacy Campaign

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A community-driven initiative

2013 Child Death Review Team 20-Year Report:
Black children were dying at 2 to 3 times the rate of other racial and ethnic groups

Top 4 Causes

1. Perinatal
2. Sleep Related
3. Child Abuse and Neglect
4. Third Party Homicides

GOAL: REDUCE BLACK CHILD DEATHS BY 10 -20% BY 2020
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**Backbone Agency:** The Center at Sierra Health Foundation leads the Steering Committee, implements strategic plan and distributes funds to providers.

**Community Incubator Leads (CILs):** Culturally-responsive hubs provide services and supports to local residents in community-based settings, located in seven priority neighborhoods.

**Multi-Disciplinary Teams:** Teams are co-located at CILs so families can access coordinated and collaborative resources.

**Cultural Broker Program:** This joint CPS and community effort serves Black children and families involved with the County’s child welfare system.
Multi-Disciplinary Teams

- Community Incubator Lead Sites
- Sacramento Probation Department
- Department of Child, Family and Adult Services
- Department of Human Assistance
- Child Protective Services
- Cultural Broker
- Sacramento Employment and Training Agency
- Crisis Intervention Worker
- Pregnancy Coach / Her Health First
- UC Davis Health
A Model That Supports Success

- Value cross-sector partnerships
- The Center at Sierra Health Foundation serves as the trusted backbone organization
- Power is shared / power dynamics
- Community Incubator Leads have a grassroots connection to communities
- Cultural Brokers support families
A Trusted Backbone Agency

The Center at Sierra Health Foundation:
• Maintains longstanding relationships with community partners
• Provides partners resources for capacity building and sustainability
• Seeks ongoing opportunities for long-term funding across focus areas
• Builds relationships across sectors, including City, County, and private sector
• Has a regional and national reputation for its commitment to health and racial equity and justice
• Strengthens community collaboration and collective advocacy
Community Incubators in Seven Priority Neighborhoods

- Arden Arcade: Mutual Assistance Network
- Del Paso Heights / North Sacramento: Roberts Family Development Center
- Fruitridge-Stockton: Building Healthier Communities
- Meadowview: Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center
- North Highlands-Foothill Farms: Liberty Towers
- Oak Park: Greater Sacramento Urban League
- Valley Hi: South Sacramento Christian Center
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Making a difference

- Community feedback and tracking data guides our work and helps measure success
- Collective impact efforts are yielding results!
- CDRT, Public Health, and program data help paint a picture of progress
- Three year rolling averages in the data used, with 2012-14 as the baseline
- Data is available through 2017-19
COUNTYWIDE TREND DATA:
RATE OF CHILD DEATH (0-17) DUE TO THIRD PARTY HOMICIDE

Since 2012-2014:
15% increase overall (AA)
54% increase in disparity gap

Probation Performance Indicators

Count of Juvenile Wards within CIL neighborhoods

*snapshot taken on the 1st of June for 5 years*
COUNTYWIDE TREND DATA: OVERALL RATE OF INFANT DEATH

Since 2012-2014:
17% reduction overall (AA)
32% reduction in disparity gap


3.9   3.8   4.0   4.3   4.2   4.3
4.6   4.5   4.5   4.7   4.6   4.8
10.8  11.0  9.2  8.3  8.8  9.0

Source: Sacramento County, Department of Health Services, Public Health Division, Epidemiology Program, Birth Statistical Master Files. Rate is per 1,000 infants.
COUNTYWIDE TREND DATA:
RATE OF INFANT DEATH DUE TO PERINATAL CAUSES

Since 2012-2014:
10% reduction overall (AA)
5% reduction in disparity gap

COUNTYWIDE TREND DATA:
RATE OF INFANT DEATHS DUE TO SLEEP-RELATED CAUSES

Since 2012-2014:
56% reduction overall (AA)
65% reduction in disparity gap

COUNTYWIDE TREND DATA:
RATE OF CHILD DEATHS (0-17) DUE TO CAN HOMICIDES

Since 2012-2014:
76% reduction overall (AA)
89% reduction in disparity gap

Impacts in Child Welfare

- Family Development Matrix: of 41 families served by the CBP indicated positive change ranging from **9.76% to 21.95%**, moving families from at-risk or crisis to **stable or self-sufficient**

- % changes include:
  - shelter (12.19%)
  - employment (13.33%)
  - parenting skills (10.81%)
  - community resources (21.95%)

- **26% decrease** in rate of AA children entering foster care

- **18% increase** in permanency for AA children in care 2+ years
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THANK YOU!