

THRIVE BY THREE GRANT PROGRAM

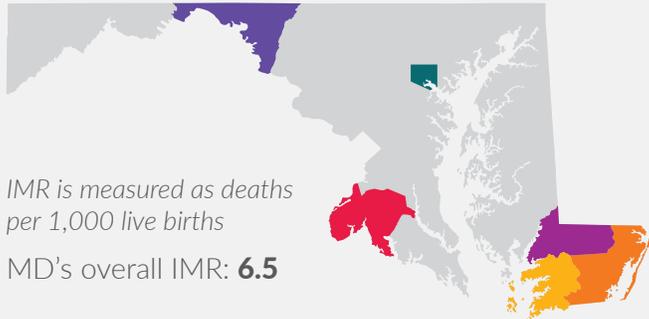
Need for Expansion of Funding

Family League of Baltimore takes an intergenerational approach to its work, as the issues faced by Baltimore's children and families require whole-child, whole-family solutions. In order to meet the Babies Born Healthy, Children are Healthy, and Students are Prepared for School Results for Child Well-Being, we recognize the effectiveness of an intergenerational approach to infant and maternal health and recognize the long-term value of investing in the earliest years of life.

As a lead implementation partner in the B'More for Healthy Babies initiative, which works to address factors contributing to healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes, and on-track early childhood development, we have been working with the Baltimore City Health Department and HealthCare Access Maryland since 2009. The expansion of funding for the Thrive by Three Grant Program has the potential to positively impact care coordination services in the City, yielding positive results for low-income women, children, and families.

A jurisdiction's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is its leading health indicator.

Maryland Counties with the Highest IMR



- Somerset: **41.2**
- Worcester: **12.6**
- Charles: **10.9**
- Wicomico: **10.9**
- Washington: **9.8**
- Baltimore City: **8.7**

Poverty decreases access to adequate healthcare for everyone, with particularly disastrous impacts for pregnant women and young children.

% of Households Considered Impoverished as of 2016 by County



Administrative Care Coordination (ACC) funds support life-saving links to services for pregnant Medicaid recipients.

Pregnant Medicaid recipients who were **not enrolled** in this care coordination system were

more than 5x more likely to have a fetal or infant death,

contributing to preventable increases in the IMR.

Baltimore City faces a **\$1.5M gap in ACC funds** for FY20 and expects the gap to widen if nothing is done.

PROPOSED POLICY SOLUTION

In passing SB 912 during the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session, Maryland acknowledged our statewide need for 0-3 care coordination.

Now is the time to stand behind this fact by sufficiently funding the existing Thrive by Three Grant Program, which will provide:

Additional staffing and resources for home visiting programs and child care providers

A coordinated approach to centralizing eligibility determination and entry processes so families can easily benefit from a broad range of services

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