



CANTON— STARK COUNTY

**THRIVE**

Partner Appreciation Breakfast

**July 19, 2017**

7:30am-12:00pm

Johnson Center · Malone University  
2600 Cleveland Ave. NW · Canton, OH 44709



**United Way  
of Greater Stark County**

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# AGENDA

7:30 AM–8:00AM

## **Registration and Breakfast**

8:00AM–8:15AM

## **Welcome and Acknowledgements**

### **Faith-based & Grassroots Initiative Update**

James Adams, Health Commissioner for the Canton City Health Department

8:15AM–8:45AM

## **Epidemiology Update**

Annmarie Butusov, THRIVE Epidemiologist

8:45AM–9:00AM

## **Community Health Worker Presentation**

Michelle Watkins & Tricia Warner, Community Health Workers at Stark County Health Department

9:00AM–9:30AM

## **NW Ohio Pathways HUB Partnership**

Jan Ruma, Vice President of the Hospital Council of NW Ohio

9:30AM–9:45AM

## **Break**

9:45AM–10:30AM

## **Comprehensive Evaluation Plan**

Dr. Peter Leahy & Dr. Lynn Falletta, Kent State University

10:30AM–10:45AM

## **CenteringPregnancy® Testimonial**

Tanganica Tucker, CenteringPregnancy® Mom

10:45AM–12:00PM

## **Cultural Competency Presentation**

Jessica Zavala, Community Engagement–Youth Services Coordinator, Stark Mental Health & Addiction Recovery

Remel Moore, Consultant

# Canton– Stark County THRIVE

## VISION

All Stark County babies will celebrate their first birthday

## OBJECTIVES

Decrease the infant mortality rate

Decrease the disparity in birth outcomes between white and black babies

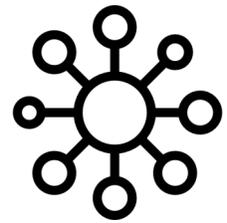
As a result of Stark County's participation in the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes (OEI), the Canton City Health Department brought together a comprehensive coalition of community partners to form Canton– Stark County THRIVE (Toward Health Resiliency in Infant Vitality and Equity) to address the infant mortality needs in Stark County to help all babies celebrate their first birthday.

Canton-Stark County THRIVE is a community collaborative working together to not only provide services to best ensure that our babies are born healthy, but to also connect those who most need the services to those resources and educate our community on infant mortality.

In 2016, Canton-Stark County THRIVE received

# THRIVE Initiatives

Pathways Community  
HUB



CenteringPregnancy®

Community Health  
Workers



Fatherhood Initiative

Nurse Newborn  
Home Visiting



Faith-based &  
Grassroots Initiative

Comprehensive  
Evaluation



Cultural Competency

# THRIVE

## Faith-based and Grassroots Initiative

Often, faith communities can reach women and men in ways the secular community and government agencies cannot. Faith communities can also provide the extra support that at-risk pregnant women need. On April 27, 2017, the Canton City Health Department, on behalf of Canton-Stark County THRIVE, released a Request for Proposals to faith-based and grassroots organizations for the implementation or expansion of programs resulting in measurable change to improve infant mortality and disparity rates. Organizations were eligible to apply for up to two years of funding. A panel of diverse individuals representative of Stark County served as our review team to make a final decision about which programs would receive the awards. Please join us in welcoming the following recipients to the Canton-Stark County THRIVE collaborative:

### **Abide Ministries · Life Skills Program**

New Baltimore Community Church · Wards 1 & 2 in Alliance, Ohio  
Holly Holbrook-Swonger

The Life Skills program will be a series of twelve two-hour classes on topics including parenting and infant care, housekeeping, finances and budgeting, cooking and nutrition. Located at Feed My Sheep Church, Abide Ministries is centrally located to reach the areas of Alliance with the worst birth outcomes. The goal of the Life Skills Program is to equip mothers with a variety of essential life skills in an effort to break the cycle of poverty. Through education and mentorship, Abide Ministries will strengthen a set of skills that includes holding a job, managing a household, raising happy and healthy children, and becoming productive members of the community. Pregnant women and mothers will be encouraged to attend the classes through provided childcare for children up to age seven and incentives for attendance in the series.

### **Canton Calvary Mission · More Than Just Diapers Program**

Canton and across Stark County  
Marie Senften-Deitz, Executive Director

The More Than Just Diapers program will provide outreach and education for pregnant women, families, and women of childbearing age. There are four components to the program that include: nutrition and grocery shopping on a budget through the *Cooking Up A Storm* classes taught by Ohio State University Extension,

prenatal through post-partum classes, the impact of drugs and alcohol on a developing infant through a partnership with the Aultman WOW van, and smoking cessation classes taught by Mercy Medical Center's Tobacco Cessation Specialists. They will also refer into the Baby & Me Tobacco Free program administered by the Stark County Health Department for additional incentives for staying smoke-free.

### **Hannah's House 119 · Parenting Mentoring Program**

Stark County  
Patty Hostetler

The Parenting Mentoring Program offers mentoring and group sessions for pregnant/young mothers aged 13-23 to provide emotional support, teach parenting skills based on the *Nurturing Parenting Program for Teenage Parents and their Children* curriculum, encourage prenatal care, and assist with appointment transportation. Their goal is that through this one-on-one support, young mothers will be able to break the cycle of poverty and raise healthy children. Referrals into the program come from in-school mentoring and the court system. There are currently 25 participants who are referred from in-school mentoring programs or the court system.

### **Mary Church Terrell Federated Club · Infant Mortality Awareness Campaign—*Stay Woke***

Canton  
Andrea Ramsey

Mary Church Terrell Federated Club will develop a team of speakers that is diverse, relevant and authentic to the Canton community. The speakers will work with the THRIVE team to learn about efforts to prevent and reduce infant mortality and disparity rates. This speakers bureau will include multi-generational, culturally competent advocates and allies who belong to the community to which outreach is occurring. The strategy they have chosen will focus on preteen/teens, young adults, and middle age and seniors and each will have specific areas for education and intervention. Emphasis will be placed on building a community of caring and sharing within the team as well as helping to get women the help and connections needed.





### **Tricia Warner, Community Health Worker, Stark County Health Department**

Tricia Warner is a Community Health Worker at the Stark County Health Department. She has been working for the Stark County Health Department since 2014. Tricia works with African American mothers to help reduce infant mortality through a program called K.O.B.A. (Keep Our Babies Alive). She is passionate about her work and loves educating moms to strive to be the best advocate, caretaker and support system for their children. When Tricia isn't out helping others she is day dreaming about hitting the lottery and giving back to community through providing financial help with medication for the elderly, diapers, wipes and formula for the less fortunate, and clothing vouchers and utility assistance for those in need. Tricia earned a Bachelor's of Art from Malone University in Community Health Education. She will be attending the Aultman School of Nursing in August to receive her BSN. Tricia can be reached at [warnert@starkhealth.org](mailto:warnert@starkhealth.org) or 330-493-9914 ext. 242.

### **Jan Ruma, Vice President, Hospital Council of NW Ohio**

Jan Ruma



### **Dr. Peter Leahy, THRIVE Evaluator, Kent State University Research Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management**

Dr. Leahy is a groovy dude.



**Dr. Lynn Falletta, THRIVE Evaluator, Kent State University**

Dr. Lynn Falletta is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the College of Public Health at Kent State University. Dr. Falletta received her Ph.D. in Sociology (with concentrations in Medical Sociology and the Life Course) from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Falletta has more than 18 years of experience in conducting research on a variety of public health relevant topics, including foster care and adoption, child health/mental health, children’s rights, juvenile justice, adult offender reentry, and health inequalities. Her current research focuses on maternal/child health, including mental health during and after high risk pregnancies, individual and social factors that affect pregnancy outcomes, infant mortality, opioid use and multi-system involvement among pregnant women and mothers, work adjustment among postpartum women and mothers of young children.



**Tanganica Tucker, CenteringPregnancy® Mom**

Tangenicka is a loving mother of 7 beautiful children and a devoted wife to her husband.

**Jessica Zavala,**

**Remel Moore, Consultant**





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