



## Lee County Legislative Delegation – December 2013

### ♥ The “State” of Lee County’s Babies

1. Services—Home visiting = 4,278 clients; prenatal medical care for the uninsured = 803 clients; MomCare (telephone maternity care advisors) = approx. 6,493 clients.
2. Pregnancy Risk Screening—97% of pregnant women agreed to complete the voluntary risk screen which was better than the state average of 89%. 23% were found to be at-risk compared to the state average of 27%.
3. Infant Risk Screening—89% of newborns were screened at the delivery hospitals which was worse than the state average of 93%. 15% of the babies screened were found to be at-risk which is the same as the state average.
4. Infant Death Rate—The rate is 6.1 per 1,000 live births which is close to the state rate of 6.0.
5. Fetal Deaths—The rate is 7.3 per 1,000 live deliveries which is worse than the state rate of 7.1.
6. Premature Births—The rate is 13.3% which is better than the state rate of 14.3%.
7. Late or no Access to Prenatal Care—The rate is 5.4% which is worse than the state average of 4.8%.
8. Births to Uninsured Women—The rate is 4.5% which is better than the state average of 7.8%.
9. Births to Teens 10-18 Years—The rate is 16.3% which is worse than the state average of 14.2%.
10. Repeat Births to Teens 15-19 Years—The rate is 16.3% which is slightly better than the state average of 16.7%.

### ♥ Healthy Start Southwest Florida Special Initiatives

1. Nurse Family Partnership: Clewiston, Lehigh, Golden Gate
2. FOCUS program to decrease repeat teen births: Dunbar, Lehigh, Golden Gate
3. Substance Exposed Newborns
4. Safe Sleep Campaign: Beds for Babies partnerships
5. NOVA University partnership for Pediatrician Outreach
6. Preconception Health/University social media pilot project—[GetSmart GetHealthy.org](#)

### ♥ REQUESTS

1. Funding increase/restoration of **\$2.5 million** to Healthy Start program services as recurring funds to protect Florida's babies and reduce immediate and future costs. This will allow Healthy Start to provide services to 8,670 additional pregnant women and infants, including those at the most intensive risk level.<sup>i</sup>
2. Funding of **\$2.5 million** to fortify the Healthy Start Coalitions for the mandates associated with the expansion of Medicaid Reform including formation of infrastructure of a Administrative Services Organization (ASO), Quality Assurance for Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, and a productive new data system. These mandates are outlined in the language of CSHB 7107.<sup>ii</sup>
3. Provide resources to expand and fund a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) project to 22 Healthy Start coalitions. Local FIMR teams of professionals review infant deaths to determine cause and make recommendations to reduce future risk. Of 33 Healthy Start catchment areas, currently only eleven receive funding for this nationally recognized model. Funding of **\$1.07 million** would allow expansion of the present system and add 11 additional FIMR teams throughout the state. (leads: Rep. Betty Reed and Sen. Joe Negron)