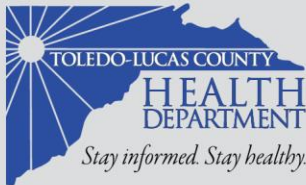


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February 6, 2018

## Ohio Department of Medicaid Awards Funds to Combat Infant Mortality

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has awarded two Lucas County organizations \$2.206,645 million (collectively) for community initiatives to decrease infant mortality. The two agencies who received notice of award include: The Toledo Lucas County Health Department and Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio. These efforts will aim to lower mortality rates for black infants as their rate has been consistently higher than that of white infants. With the awarded funds, The Health Department will broaden their reach through increased community collaborations with those who have established relationships within the African American population. The Hospital Council will use their funds to expand the Pathways HUB by adding 13 additional Community Health Workers.

**When:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018

**Where:** Nexus Health Care-Neighborhood Health Association  
1415 Jefferson Ave  
Toledo, OH 43604

**Time:** 1:00 P.M.

**Speakers:** Eric Zgodzinski- Health Commissioner, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department  
Jan Ruma- Vice President, Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio  
Doni Miller- Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Health Association  
Celeste Smith- Supervisor, Toledo-Lucas County Office of Minority Health  
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