



# INFANT MORTALITY SUMMIT 2018

*Saving Babies Together,  
Meeting the Equity Challenge*



Ohio Collaborative  
to Prevent Infant Mortality



Department of Health

## ***Call for Abstracts for Poster Presentations***

The Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality (OCPIM) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) invite you to submit a poster presentation for the **2018 Ohio Infant Mortality Summit to be held December 11 and 12 at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.**

OCPIM is a statewide group made up of a broad range of organizations and individuals committed to preventing infant mortality, improving the health of our women and infants, and reducing racial disparities in women's and infant health. Ohio has a long way to go in ensuring that all Ohio moms have healthy babies who live to see their first birthday. While some progress has been made, especially in raising awareness of our challenge, we have an excellent opportunity to move forward in our efforts by sponsoring the fourth biennial Ohio Infant Mortality Summit this December 11 and 12. Our 2016 Summit drew more than 1200 participants.

The Summit provides an ideal venue to present your ideas, research, innovative programming, best practices and effective outreach strategies to address infant mortality to public health practitioners, health care providers, state and local officials, advocates, community leaders and concerned citizens. We are especially interested in programs/initiatives that are evidence-based or a best practice and have the potential to be replicated statewide.

### **Poster Session**

Posters are graphic presentations of research or project findings or programmatic information placed on a poster board. Posters will be displayed on both days of the Summit with a designated time for authors to be present on the second day of the conference. Details regarding location and timing of the poster displays will be provided in the letter of acceptance.

For each application, the applicant will be asked to identify the topic your presentation covers:

- Improving Health Equity, Social Determinants of Health and Eliminating Racism
- Promoting Optimal Women's Health
- Preventing Prematurity/Preterm Births
- Preventing Birth Defects
- Promoting Optimal Infant Health During and After Pregnancy
- Reducing Smoking and Other Substance Abuse, During and After Pregnancy
- Embracing and Empowering Fathers in Maternal, Child and Family Health

For each application, the applicant will be asked to identify the target audience your presentation will appeal to:

- Clinicians (doctors, nurses, or medical personnel)
- Community Leaders
- Public Health
- Community Members
- Not for Profits/Faith-based Organizations
- Other

## Submitting a Proposal

### Poster Session

Apply at [OCPIM Summit 2018 Poster Submission Link](#)

Poster Session proposals must include:

- Poster Title
- Presenter/Author information
- Identify if the poster content focuses more on science/data or programs/policy
- Poster Description, for program (75 words or less)
- Structured Abstract (500 words maximum).

Abstracts focusing on science or data should include:

- Background: Statement of the primary infant mortality issue that your work addresses; what is known and unknown
- Study Question: State your study question
- Methods: Concisely describe the study design, data sources used, analysis methods
- Results: Describe the key findings from the data analysis and limitations
- Conclusions: Summarize the key study findings
- Implications for Practice: Statement of potential uses of this study for research, policy, programs, public or provider education

Abstracts focusing on programs or policy should include:

- Issue: The specific problem that the initiative was intended to address, including evidence that the initiative was needed
- Setting: Geographic location where the activities took place, and the intended audience or population expected to benefit from the activities
- Project: Description of the activities, including evidence that these activities would be likely to effectively address the problem, innovative aspects, your organization's role, logic model and evaluation plan
- Accomplishments/Results: The major accomplishments, including any evaluation results, i.e., evidence of the effectiveness of the initiative on knowledge, behaviors and /or outcomes in the target population
- Barriers: Summary of specific barriers encountered and how/whether they were overcome
- Lessons Learned: The take home message, what worked, what should be done differently, and the implications for public health
- Optional Information for Replication, such as cost, key partnerships required, and potential resources

Contact Tina Turner ([tina.turner@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:tina.turner@odh.ohio.gov)) if you have questions.

Please feel free to share this notice with colleagues or anyone who may be interested in being a part of the Summit.

***Applications must be received by September 28, 2018. If your application is chosen, a letter of acceptance will be sent from ODH on or before October 19, 2018. We would like to thank you in advance for your flexibility.***