



# Los Angeles Best Babies Collaborative Center for Healthy Births *Building Blocks for Better Babies*



## Healthy Births Initiative – A Program of First 5 LA

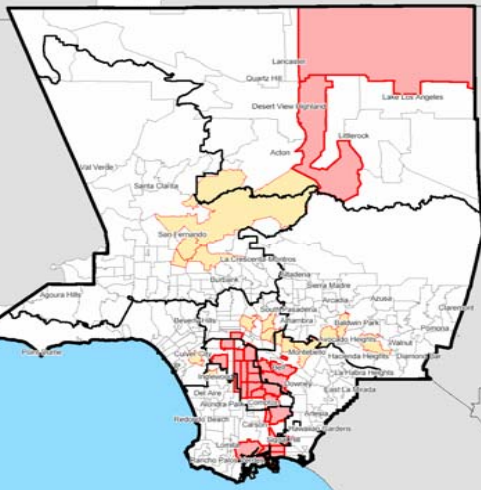
In July 2004, First 5 LA allotted 12.5 million dollars to implement Healthy Births. These funds, along with other resources in Los Angeles County, launched the initiative in 2005 and will provide support for three years.

### Goals

- Improve the pregnancy and birth outcomes for all women in Los Angeles County
- Optimize the potential for early childhood development, intellectual capacity and lifelong good health

## Selected Priority Areas for Intervention

### Los Angeles County



- 10<sup>th</sup> Percentile for high risk pregnancies  
Funding for BBCs 2005-2007
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Priority for Funding

## Our Mission

The LABBC Center for Healthy Births provides the infrastructure, programs, advocacy and support to enhance capacity of the network of community stakeholders working to achieve healthy births.

## Our Vision

The LABBC Center for Healthy Births envisions positive, productive networks supporting families and communities to achieve healthy births.

## What We Do

### Coordinating activities while building opportunities for growth, integration and sustainability

#### Best Babies Collaboratives

BBCs are partnerships funded to link, expand and enhance services in communities.

- The BBCs will address the areas with greatest disparities through 5 Core Approaches using collaboration as a key bridge to supporting a comprehensive, integrated model of continuous care.
- The BBCs will provide focused evidence-based and community-proven interventions during and after pregnancy to improve the quality of services provided, improve birth outcomes and reduce health disparities.

#### Core Approaches

- Outreach
- Health Education and Messaging
- Case Management
- Social Support
- Interconception Care

#### Care Quality Improvement

*“Bridging the gap between what we know and what we do in health care”*

Up to 15 Clinical sites apply to participate in a Breakthrough Series™ Learning Collaborative to support:

- Systems change
- Shared learning
- Rapid improvement
- Implementation of best practice clinical guidelines
- Linkages to community resources and
- Reduce errors/omissions in prenatal care.

Performance measures are tracked and progress shared monthly.

#### Technical Assistance

Supporting collaboration, creating capacity, and linking community resources.

- Sharing tools and resources,
- Providing and linking to training opportunities

#### Healthy Births Learning Collaboratives

The Center participates in each HBLC as a member and is responsible for providing administrative support, central coordination and technical assistance.

HBLCs are held throughout Los Angeles County in each of the Service Planning Areas (SPAs). One of the highlights of the partnership between the Center and the HBLCs includes the successful Town Hall: A Call to Action meeting. The Town Hall brought together community members and HBLC members to:

- Build perinatal policy priorities grounded in community
- Build excitement and momentum about the HBLC movement and share accomplishments and activities taking place in HBLC’s
- Provide an opportunity for networking between perinatal stakeholders and representatives from foundations who support broad-based community efforts to improve healthy births and healthy communities

## Policy and Advocacy

### Perinatal Health Policy – *Grounded in community, supported by knowledge and focused on results*

The Center is focused on changing public and non-public policies and systems that affect women, children and families to improve outcomes for pregnant women and their babies in Los Angeles County. The Center works with community stakeholders and others to identify and institutionalize policies and programs necessary to create sustainable improvements in the health and well-being of women, infants and families.

Current areas of focus include:

- Interconception Care Financing
- Family Friendly Workplaces
- Quality and equitable care
- Provide rationale for systems improvement

*Working together to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes in LA County*

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Visit our website at [www.LABestBabies.org](http://www.LABestBabies.org) for more information

