



Reducing Infant Mortality in Ohio

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2015 Infant Mortality Report Key Findings:

- Ohio's infant mortality rates for all races have been **trending downward** significantly since at least 1990.
- Ohio's infant mortality rates improved faster than the national rates during the past five years.
- Ohio's goal is to reach the national Healthy People 2020 objective of a 6.0 infant mortality rate or lower in every race and ethnicity group.

2015 Infant Mortality Report Key Findings:

- The data shows that we still have a lot of work to do to save babies' lives, especially African-American babies.
- In 2015, African-American babies died at nearly three times the rate as white babies, and that is unacceptable.

How is Ohio reducing the infant mortality rate?



SHA/SHIP

3 broad priorities were identified:

- **Chronic Disease**
- **Maternal and Infant Health**
- **Mental Health and Addiction**



Ohio 2017-2019 state health improvement plan (SHIP)

Overall health outcomes

↑ Health status

↓ Premature death

3 priority topics

Mental health and
addiction

Chronic disease

Maternal and
infant health

10 priority outcomes

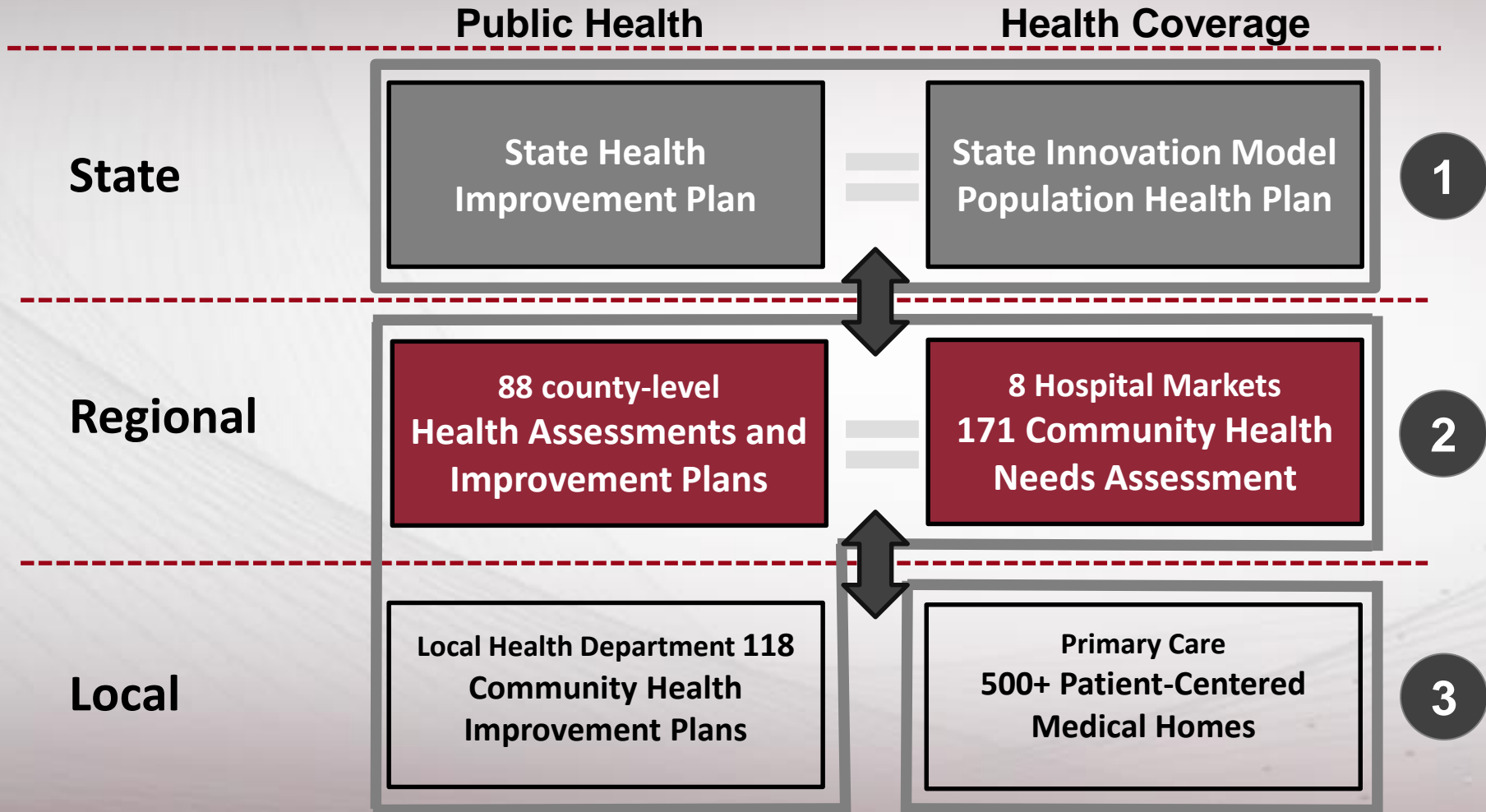
- ↓ Depression
- ↓ Suicide
- ↓ Drug dependency/
abuse
- ↓ Drug overdose
deaths

- ↓ Heart disease
- ↓ Diabetes
- ↓ Asthma

- ↓ Preterm births
- ↓ Low birth weight
- ↓ Infant mortality

Equity: Priority populations for each outcome

Aligning Ohio's capacity to improve population health



Example: Reducing Infant Mortality

Public Health

Health Coverage

State

State Health Improvement Plan

State Innovation Model Population Health Plan

Use vital statistics to identify at-risk women
Align maternal and child health programs
Promote safe sleep, folic acid, etc.
Discourage smoking, etc.

- Identify at-risk neighborhoods
- Enhance care management for every woman in those neighborhoods
- Plans directly engage leaders in at-risk communities
- Surge resources to greatest need

Require enhanced care management
Extend Medicaid to cover more women
Financially reward improved infant health
Reduce scheduled deliveries prior to 39 wks

Using Data to Reduce Infant Mortality

Profile of at-risk families based on:

- Demographics
- Location of home
- Education Level
- Access to Health Care



Ohio Equity Institute (OEI)

- The Ohio Department of Medicaid is investing \$26.8 million in State Fiscal Year 2016-17 through its five Medicaid managed care plans to support work in the nine Ohio Equity Institute communities.



SFY 2018-2019 Executive Budget Proposals



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Reducing infant mortality

- Support community-based pilot programs and interventions proven to help reduce infant mortality.
- Increase funding for infant vitality efforts by \$3 million each year of the biennium compared to the SFY17 funding level.



Increasing tobacco tax

- Increasing the price of tobacco is the most recommended and proven strategy for decreasing smoking prevalence and preventing youth from starting to smoke.



Ohio Senate Bill 332 Highlights

- Making Data Timely, Transparent and Actionable
- Building on Best Practices
- Focusing on and Paying for Outcomes
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health



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