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Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County announces Florida Healthy Babies Community Meetings

SARASOTA—The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County (DOH-Sarasota) will host a community meeting with families to discuss Florida Healthy Babies. Florida Healthy Babies is a collaborative statewide initiative designed to positively affect social and economic factors that influence health and reduce racial disparities in infant health. The north county meeting is on Tuesday, June 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts in Sarasota. The south county meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Heron Creek Golf & Country Club, 3401 S. Sumter Boulevard in North Port.

“We want every child to have a healthy start in life so they can reach their full potential and enjoy a good quality of life,” says DOH Sarasota Health Officer, Chuck Henry. “This means working as a community to remove barriers preventing pregnant women from getting early and continuous prenatal care, and helping connect families to education and community resources promoting breastfeeding, safe sleep, child safety and infant care.”

Recently, the department [invested \\$1.4 million](#) in the Florida Healthy Babies initiative, which is an effort of the department’s Health Equity Program Council. The Health Equity Program Council focuses on helping all Floridians achieve health equity. Part of the funding was provided to all 67 counties to conduct an enhanced data analysis of infant mortality and to host community-action planning meetings to address disparities in infant mortality.

Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County Florida Healthy Babies Community Meetings:

Registration is required. Please call 941-861-2779 or email: Pascale.Edouard@FLHealth.gov.

About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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