HEALTHCARE AND SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS

New Haven Healthy Start provides a continuum of services to the maternal and child healthcare system, using a comprehensive approach. The strength of our services is extensive and includes major partners that include: Yale New Haven Health System, Center for Women’s Health and Midwifery, Fair Haven Community Health Care, Community Action Agency of New Haven and Earth’s Natural Touch: Birth Care and Beyond.

Too many, too small, too soon

WE DELIVER

New Haven Healthy Start services all women, with a particular focus in African American communities, which have an infant mortality rate that is 2 ½ times higher than that of white infants in New Haven and across the nation.

New Haven Healthy Start demonstrates success in providing a coordinated systems approach to increasing the health and well-being of the families that we serve.

New Haven Healthy Start is a program of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and an outgrowth of the work of the Commission on Child and Infant Health, convened by The Foundation in the mid 1980s. It is one of two Healthy Start programs housed at a community foundation in the country.

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Healthy mothers, happy babies & hopeful futures!
WHO WE ARE

Since 1997, New Haven Healthy Start (NHHS) has played a vital role in improving birth outcomes for pregnant women and mothers. Our mission is to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in birth outcomes, and to reduce the rates of infant/maternal morbidity and mortality in Greater New Haven. Our work is informed by evidence-based “best practices” and years of experience from:

» Employing a team of dedicated individuals with expertise and experience in maternal and child healthcare
» Analysis of data through a networked data system
» Creating a strong Consortium by engaging community members, program participants and stakeholders in dialogue to enhance the Maternal and Child Health service delivery system
» Forming institutional and community partnerships

HOW WE WORK

New Haven Healthy Start provides a continuum of services to mothers, fathers, and their infants to ensure healthy birth outcomes. The program implements a care coordination model that is comprehensive in its approach. Our model includes:

» Patient navigation and community health workers
» Participant identification and enrollment into our program
» Comprehensive risk assessments that includes screening for depression
» Referrals and follow-up to ensure high level of care
» Data tracking ability provided through a networked database to guarantee high level of care through case management/care coordination

PREGNANT WOMEN & MOTHERS

We offer a wide range of services to ensure that families are supported through the entire pregnancy. To ensure mothers and their newborns will have the best possible birth outcomes, we provide:

» Referrals to medical and social services
» Access to a network of providers
» Parent education
» Doula services
» Lactation counseling
» Support for fathers
» Health insurance enrollment for those we are eligible

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The NHHS Consortium, which is the governing body of the grant, meets every other month and provides a platform for the community to learn and understand conditions that impact family health. We invite community members to participate in discussions and activities to improve conditions that impact families and the services they receive. We encourage father involvement so that babies get the best care and support when they need it most.

MEN & FATHERS

Paternal engagement is an essential part of the New Haven Healthy Start mission to reduce infant mortality and eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes. Fathers who are involved parents help lay a healthy foundation for their children’s lives.

The purpose of paternal engagement is to ensure that coordinated services are provided to men and fathers to develop and strengthen their skills and enhance their relationship with their children, families and community. To promote responsible fatherhood with or without marriage, we provide:

» Parenting classes
» Court support
» Case management
» Employment navigation
» Community networking