

Improving Infant Health Outcomes: Working Better Together

September 28, 2017 from 8:30am-11:30am at the Peoples Church in East Lansing

SPEAKERS: The Effect of Environmental Influences during Pregnancy



Linda S. Vail became the Ingham County Health Officer in April, 2014. She provides leadership to the Ingham County Health Department for carrying out its local health department functions; including environmental health, communicable disease control, and a variety of health promotion and maternal child health programs; and its primary care network of community health centers with Federally Qualified Health Center status. The ICHD also has a long history of developing deep roots in the community by engaging diverse populations in learning about the causes of disease and diminished health status resulting in broad participation of these groups and individuals in community organizations and activities.

Linda S. Vail, MPA Health Officer

The State of the Community: More First Birthdays for Ingham County Babies



Rosemary Fournier is the Director of Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) with the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention, the HRSA funded resource and data center that supports child death review (CDR) and fetal and infant mortality review (FIMR) programs around the country. Rosemary's clinical nursing experience includes Antepartum High Risk, Preconception Care and Counseling, Childbirth Education, Newborn Nursery, Labor and Delivery, Post-Partum, and Neonatal Intensive Care.

As the FIMR Coordinator for the State of Michigan, Rosemary provided technical assistance, training, and consultation to local FIMR programs for over 13 years. In her role of Project Director for the Saginaw MI, Healthy Start, she also managed the local FIMR in Saginaw, one of the longest, continually operating FIMR programs in the US.

Rosemary Fournier FIMR Director

Infant Safe Sleep: What are we doing about it?



Colleen Nelson is the Infant Safe Sleep Coordinator at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She was previously the Child Care Program Consultant with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Prior to that role, she worked in child welfare as a CPS and foster care worker and in several roles in CPS Program Office. Colleen received a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Community Services from Michigan State University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan. Colleen has been involved in infant safe sleep work since early in her career when she was a CPS worker and had to investigate infant deaths. Since that time, she has done work related to infant safe sleep in some capacity – from managing the SUID Case Registry contract with MPHI to working on developing an online infant safe sleep training for child care providers.

Colleen Nelson Infant Sleep Coordinator