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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MARION COUNTY ANNOUNCES FLORIDA HEALTHY BABIES COMMUNITY MEETING



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Ocala, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Marion County is pleased to announce it will be hosting a community meeting to discuss Florida Healthy Babies. Florida Healthy Babies is a collaborative statewide initiative designed to positively influence social determinants of health and reduce racial disparities in infant mortality. The meeting will take place at the College of Central Florida Webber Conference Center on Wednesday, June 29, at 1 p.m.

“Healthy babies are the future of Marion County,” said Florida Department of Health in Marion County Health Officer Erin Hess. “Our goals are to make the community aware of the challenges families face, and to get input from the community on how to best meet those challenges.”

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.

What: Florida Department of Health in Marion County Florida Healthy Babies Community Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 29
1 p.m.

Where: College of Central Florida Webber Conference Center
3001 SW College Road
Ocala, FL 34474

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