STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THE BIGGEST HEALTH THREATS FACING MOMS & BABIES

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Our Mission

March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies.
RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN MATERNAL MORTALITY

Women of color are most at risk of facing complications, with Black women three to four times more likely to die from complications related to pregnancy causes compared to white women.
WE ARE FIGHTING FOR #BLANKETCHANGE
Texas’s preterm birth rate in 2017 rose from 10.4 to 10.6 percent and the state overall received a “D” grade.

Many of the cities in Texas received a “C” or “D” grade, with Austin receiving a 9.3 “C” grade and San Antonio receiving an 11.9 “F” grade.
March of Dimes was able to take the lead in launching this initiative to advance birth equity and forge a path toward change across communities and systems.
PROGRESS CONTINUES INTO 2019

Congress passed the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act and the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act, two top advocacy priorities that have the potential to improve the lives of moms, babies and families across the country.
March of Dimes welcomed the first European Prematurity Research Center at the Imperial College London. Brilliant minds are working together at all six of our centers, and through collaborative research across disciplines, to find the causes of prematurity and develop lifesaving solutions for moms and babies.
THE HEALTH OF EVERY MOM AND BABY MATTERS.
HEALTHY MOMS.
STRONG BABIES.