



Supporting Pregnant Women, Infants, and Toddlers across Ohio

MISSION

The Ohio PN-3 Coalition is dedicated to supporting the health and success of pregnant women, infants, and toddlers across Ohio—especially in communities facing the greatest challenges.

By listening to families, lifting up the experience of professionals, and bringing people together, we work to remove obstacles and build stronger, more responsive systems that respect the needs of every family.

VISION

We believe in an Ohio where every pregnant woman, infant, and toddler—no matter their background or zip code—has the opportunity to thrive in a safe, supportive community.

We're working to ensure that all young children have a strong start in life, supported by practical solutions, trusted professionals, and policies that put families first.

GOALS

1. Health Care Quality & Access

- Ensure every pregnant woman, infant, and toddler has access to timely, high-quality care close to home—covering physical, mental, and behavioral health needs so families can grow and thrive.

2. Early Education & Care

- Expand access to high-quality early learning programs that support healthy development from birth and give parents peace of mind—whether they're working, caregiving, or both.

3. Strong Statewide Network

- Strengthen a statewide network of parents, providers, and organizations working together to make sure Ohio's youngest children are prioritized in decisions that shape our future.

WHO WE ARE

The Ohio PN-3 Coalition brings together families, professionals, and community leaders who care deeply about young children and those raising them. We're focused on practical solutions, strong partnerships, and building a future where every child in Ohio has the best possible start from day one.

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION:

Address systemic barriers and build a more inclusive, sustainable early childhood system.

Ohio's Prenatal-to-Age Three (PN-3) Coalition recognizes the critical importance of early care and education (ECE) as foundational to children's lifelong development. Access to high-quality early care directly impacts a child's health, educational outcomes, and future economic opportunities, especially for communities historically underserved.

OHIO'S INFANTS & TODDLERS NEED...

Economically Stable Households

Nearly 1 in every 3 infants and toddlers in Ohio live in families with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.¹

34%

of children ages 0-2 live under 200% FPL

This places them at greater risk of lacking access to stable housing, nutritious food, and other basic necessities essential for healthy development during the most critical years of life and often not qualifying for services.

Affordable Child Care

Child care cost are often one of the biggest expenses for families, especially ones with infant and toddlers. In 2023, for center-based care, annual infant care averaged \$12,351, annual toddler care averaged \$11,125.²

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Average annual cost of Infant Center-Based Care in Ohio

\$11,125

Average annual cost of toddler Center-Based Care in Ohio

Access to High-Quality Early Learning Experiences

Although there are 27,820 children 0-2 being served in Publicly Funded Child Care, the Child Care Choice Voucher Program, and Early Head Start, the need is still vast.

80%

Unmet Need

With about 141,474 kids 0-2 living under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, only 20% of eligible low income infants and toddlers are benefiting from child care. That's an 80% unmet need.⁴

To Start Off On the Right Foot

ONLY 35% of children in Ohio were ready for Kindergarten.⁵



4 out of 5 **Black and Hispanic** students were **NOT** demonstrating school readiness when they enter kindergarten.⁶



"When I had my baby, "surprise", the challenge was going to be child care... it doesn't make sense for me to work a job and pay for Child Care when it negates out"

-Parent from East Cleveland

The earliest years of a child's life are crucial for healthy brain development and lifelong mental wellness. Yet in Ohio, too many infants and toddlers face barriers to accessing timely, culturally responsive mental health services.

Our Youngest Children are experiencing profound trauma in their early years.

Victims of Maltreatment

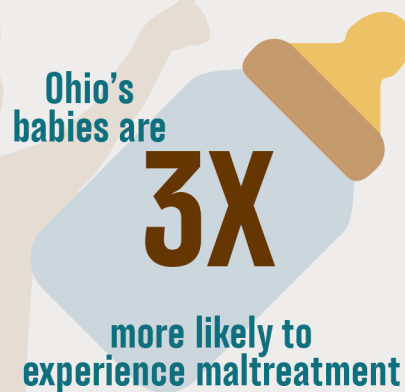
Ohio is ranked in the bottom half of states and D.C. for infant Maltreatment.¹



Over 3,000 children under the age of one were victims of maltreatment in 2022.²

Infants are Most at Risk

Compared to older children Ohio's infants under one are three times more likely to be victims of Maltreatment.³



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

14.3% of Ohio children, ages 0-5, have experienced two or more ACEs.⁴

Black Children are

1.4X

more likely to experience 2 or more ACEs

Unsafe Environments

One in three Black people lived in Cincinnati (Hamilton County), Cleveland (Cuyahoga County), or Columbus (Franklin County).⁵ Each of those counties are considered "high risk" for lead exposure.

Over **1/2**

of Children who tested positive for lead were Black

In an analysis in Cincinnati, of all the children who tested positive for lead exposure, 53% were Black.⁶



"I live in a County where services are not available"

-Parent from Gallia County

Maternal Health: Address systemic barriers and build a more inclusive, sustainable early childhood system.

The health and well-being of mothers before, during, and after pregnancy are essential to strong birth outcomes and lifelong child development. Yet in Ohio, too many women, especially Black women and women in low-income communities, face unacceptable disparities in maternal health. These disparities are driven by systemic racism, lack of access to care, gaps in mental health services, and insufficient support for community-based maternal care. Addressing maternal health is foundational to building a healthier future for all children and families in Ohio.

Infants, Toddlers, and families, need Ohio to understand that...

Too Many Moms & Babies are Dying

Ohio's infant mortality rate is 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births – significantly higher than the national average of 5.6 per 1,000.¹

Black infants are nearly **twice as likely** as their white peers to be victims of infant mortality.²



Home Visiting Makes an Impact

Families who participate in Home Visiting are 60% less likely to experience infant loss.



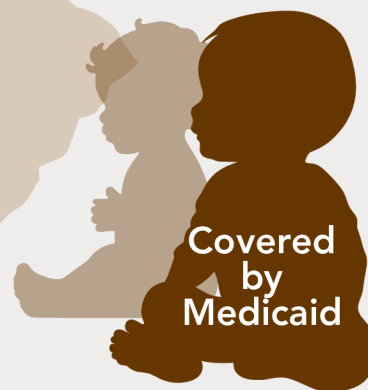
Doulas are Essential

Research⁴ consistently shows doula care leads to:

- **22%** reduction in cesarean births ✓
- **39%** decrease in the likelihood of a low birthweight baby ✓
- **15%** increase in spontaneous vaginal birth ✓
- **38%** decrease in risk of postpartum depression ✓
- **Shorter** labor, **higher** maternal satisfaction, and **improved** breastfeeding rates ✓

Medicaid Matters

Over half of all Ohio Babies are born under Medicaid.



"I would not have survived without Home Visiting"

-Parent from East Toledo