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Birth to Three For All DC

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- Increases reimbursement rates for early learning centers and home care
- Improves the delivery of early learning experiences to children 0 to 3 by investing in advancing credentials of educators
- Better link health services (mental, physical and nutritional)
- And other services

2018 Mortality Rates Per live births

Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births

- 5.9 nationally
- 7.8 DC

Maternal Mortality per 100,000 live births

- 20.7 nationally
- 36.1 DC

Maternal Mortality for Black women per 100,00 live births

- 47.2 Nationally
- 70.9 DC



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Causes of Infant Death

Source: www.VeryWellFamily.com

- **Birth defects.**
- **Preterm birth** and low birth weight
- Sudden infant death syndrome
- Maternal **pregnancy complications**
- Injuries (e.g., suffocation)



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Maternal Death Causes

Source: www.VeryWellFamily.com

- **Postpartum Hemorrhage. Postpartum hemorrhage(PPH) is excessive bleeding** and loss of blood after childbirth
- High Blood Pressure and **Eclampsia**
- **Infection**
- Termination of Pregnancy
- **Pulmonary Embolism**
- Other Direct Complications and indirect causes
- Education

Birth to Three

- DC advocates worked with each other and pushed the city council to craft legislation called Birth to Three For All DC
- The City Council passed it unanimously
- The mayor signed it
- Now DC needs to fund the initiative

DC Childcare Needs

Ward 7 and 8 have the highest demand for quality affordable childcare

Ward 7

Regulated seats 894
Max demand 3,633
Gap 2,750

Ward 8

Regulated seats 1287
Max demand 5,387
Gap 4,100

What we know about DC's Mortality Rates

- “D.C. mothers are twice as likely to die because of pregnancy than the average American woman.”
DC Politics March 2018
- “About 41 women in the District die for every 100,000 live births, according to an analysis of 2010-2014 federal health data by United Health Foundation.
- That compares to about 20 deaths for every 100,000 births in the U.S., which has the highest maternal mortality rate of any developed country.” DC Politics March 2018

“BIRTH TO THREE FOR ALL DC” IMPROVES SCHOOL READINESS & SUPPORTS FOR STRONG EDUCATORS BY:

- Determining the cost of **high quality early education for infants and toddlers**
- Increasing **child care subsidy reimbursements**
- Increasing of **wages for early learning educators**
- Creating a pathway to help early learning educators obtain **higher credentials**

“BIRTH TO THREE FOR ALL DC” ADVANCES HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT BY:

- Expanding access to **Healthy Futures** and other evidence-based programs to provide behavioral health care services
- Investing local funds to expand and sustain the **HealthySteps** model, connecting families with wrap-around services during pediatric visits
- Establishing a **Lactation** Certification Preparatory Program to provide instruction, assistance, and mentorship to individuals pursuing a career in lactation consulting

“BIRTH TO THREE FOR ALL DC” SUPPORTS PARENTS AND FAMILIES BY:

- Improving and expanding **home visiting programs**, a proven strategy to help connect families to essential supports, promote improved health care utilization, and achieve the best possible outcomes
- Investing in **Help Me Grow**, a phone-based, care coordination system to help families navigate the District’s support services, and maintain centralized records of developmental screenings and data
- Making **child care more affordable for all families** in a progressive way by setting child care co-payments for all parents that rise with one’s income, such that no family spends more than 10 percent of their income on child care

Birth to Three For All's Funding For Now

- 2019 - \$1.3 million has been committed
 - **Raising the salary** scale for early educators
 - Expanding the **Healthy Steps** pediatric model
 - Adding additional **home visiting** services
 - Coordinating and delivering **on-site classes** for early educators earning higher credentials



Birth to Three For All Funding For 2020 and Beyond

- Our goal for the 2020 budget - **securing \$30 million**
- For 2021, we will increase our budget ask
- To fully fund Birth to Three for All Act by 2028
- \$340 million needed per year





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