

A Summit to Support the Health & Safety of Missouri's Babies
Regional Discussion Feedback Form

Region: Rural Counties

1) Why we have a commitment to the health & safety of children:

- See a great disparity in prenatal care
- See a huge need for shelter/resource for pregnant women
- Realize if adults don't do well, kids don't
- Children deserve it
- Worked 10 yrs in children's health field, realize this starts with a healthy environment

2) Key issues or concerns for infants and children in your region

- Healthy (mentally and physically) caretakers for children
- Impacted by: Poverty
- Traumatic Life experience (includes ex sexual)
- Men dis-engagement
- Decreased education including early childhood
- Decreased access to health care
- Decreased access to childcare
- Toxic stress

3) What one thing might be done to improve the health and safety of infants and children in your region?

- Increase funding
- Goof policy basis
- Encourage legislative advocacy
- Partners
 - Empower populations we serve to advocate for their needs
 - Religious communities
 - Corporations
- Educate legislators