

## PROJECT BRIEF

# Catalog of Initiatives to Address Infant Mortality and Disparities in Birth Outcomes

### Background

The Center for Urban Population Health has identified *Infant and Maternal Health* as one of its three special focus areas. The Center is specifically focusing on the problem of infant mortality and disparities in birth outcomes in Wisconsin. As the Center began collaborating with stakeholders, it became apparent that many of them were working on different levels of this issue, and that a comprehensive information source of activities might be beneficial to build collaborations and improve communications among stakeholders.

### Purpose

To provide a reference for individuals and groups to grow opportunities for joint collaborations in areas of common interest around issues affecting disparities in birth outcomes.

### Future Goals

1. Obtain funding to develop a searchable web-based database.
2. Allow links from other organizations to point to this catalog as a resource.

### Progress

The most recent draft of the catalog is available at: <http://www.cuph.org/projects/birth-outcome-disparities-catalog/> and continues to be updated regularly.

### Timeline

The catalog was initially created in August 2007 and has been expanding ever since.

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