



Memorandum

To: Invited Guest
From: Gabriela A. Garcia, Center for Perinatal Advocacy at Providence Hospital
Re: Infant Mortality Summit: District Stake Holders Meeting

On behalf of the *Center for Perinatal Advocacy at Providence Hospital*, I am inviting you to attend the *Infant Mortality Summit: District Leaders Stakeholders Meeting*, at a day policy forum taking place on Thursday September 2, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Providence Hospital in Washington DC.

September is Infant Mortality Awareness month and the *Center for Perinatal Advocacy at Providence Hospital* has chosen to sponsor this summit as an opportunity to bring attention and cooperation to infant mortality. Panelists from the Centers for Disease Control, the DC Department of Health and the DC Infant Mortality Review Committee are confirmed. Government, policy, community and advocacy leaders from the District of Columbia will be attending to learn about current best practices and opportunities to combat infant mortality and we believe your perspectives and experiences are important.

The summit will be an opportunity for participants to gather best practices, discuss tangible ideas of what the District can do in addressing these issues, and network. The summit will explore infant mortality issues in the District of Columbia, specifically:

- The reasons, challenges and opportunities behind the need for infant mortality interventions in the District;
- Options for the improvement of birth outcomes in the District and other model state practices; and
- Opportunities to partner with other leaders on infant mortality.

The goal of this policy summit is to help district leaders build partnerships to enhance their health initiatives using the information presented at the summit. During this meeting, participants will engage in a dialogue with you and other leaders on the challenges that we confront in improving health outcomes and decreasing infant mortality. Sessions will address the development and implementation of health initiatives to improve infant mortality for the maternal and child health population. Participants will:

- Learn about the infant mortality crisis;
- Learn about effective state actions to improve infant mortality;
- Be given opportunities to network among key partners; and
- Receive information on the infant mortality efforts in the District.

To register for the meeting please fill out the attached Participants Registration Form and email it to me by **Monday August 23, 2010**. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Gabriela Garcia at: 202-552-4878 or gabriela.garcia@provhosp.org.

Participants must register by **Monday August 23, 2010**. I look forward to your attendance.