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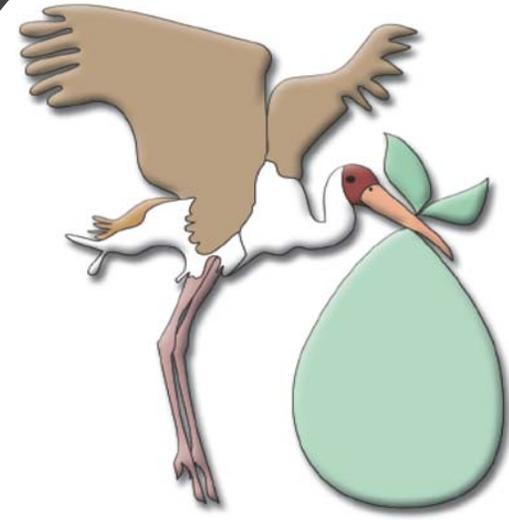


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A Healthy Baby Begins with You



April 30, 2009

6:00pm

Langston University Oklahoma City Campus
4205 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK

Facts about Infant Death

- Infant death is when a baby tragically dies before his or her first birthday
- The United States has one of the highest rates of infant death when compared to other developed countries.
- African American babies die at a much higher rate than babies of other races and ethnicities.



- Oklahoma has one of the highest rates of infant death in the United States, when compared to other states.

- In Oklahoma county, each year about 100 families tragically experience the death of their new baby.
- In Oklahoma, African American infant death rate is 2.4 times higher than white infant death rates
- In Oklahoma, African American boy babies are at the highest risk of dying, at nearly 2% (or 2 out of every 100).



'A Healthy Baby Begins with You' **Program**

Open Registration and Refreshments

- 6:30-6:40 Purpose of the Evening**
Rocky McElvany, M.S.
Interim Commissioner of Health
- 6:40-6:55 African American Myths/Cures Game**
- 6:55-7:05 'Big Mama Used to Say'**
- 7:05-7:10 Introduction of Speaker**
Alesha Lilly, Ph.D
Oklahoma State Department of Health
- 7:10-7:45 "Why Prenatal Care is Important"**
Dr. Sonja Johnson-Hughes
Integris Baptist Medical Center
- 7:45-8:00 Question and Answer**
- 8:00-8:20 Baby Bingo**
- 8:20-8:30 Closing**
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