The 2021 Secretary’s Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships

CareSource Foundation

Healthy Beginnings at Home

Franklin County, OH

Challenge

To address elevated infant mortality rates in Franklin County, Ohio.

Innovation

Through a comprehensive approach to partnerships, targeted housing stabilization services, and rental assistance, the project works to improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

Overview

CareSource partnered with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, CelebrateOne, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and the Homeless Families Foundation to launch the Healthy Beginnings at Home pilot program. In an effort to “strengthen the evidence regarding the impact of stable housing in addressing infant mortality, prematurity, and improving health outcomes for women and their infants,” the pilot involved a 2-year research study and culminated in a public policy summit in July 2020.

Partners

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