



2010 Premature Birth Report Card

Louisiana Family Impact
Seminar

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Our Mission

To improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.



Fund Research
to understand the
problem and discover
answers.



Help Moms
have full-term
pregnancies and
healthy babies.



Support Families
comforting them when
their baby needs help
to survive and thrive.

Nation's Overview

- In 2007, there were 546,602 preterm births in the United States, representing 12.7% of live births or 1 in eight babies.
- Preterm birth costs the United States more than \$26 billion annually according to the Institute of Medicine.
- Prematurity is the leading cause of New born death.
- Between 1997 and 2007, the rate of infants born preterm in the United States increased more than 11%.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, final natality data. • Retrieved March 01, 2011, from www.marchofdimes.com/peristats.

Louisiana

In 2007, there were 11,013 preterm births in Louisiana, representing 16.6% of live births or one out of six babies

- In State Fiscal Year 2007 6,247 preterm birth babies were in the Medicaid Population
- Associated Expenditure for those preterm birth babies in one year was \$208,861,464.46
- 14.5% Preterm Birth Rate in Medicaid Population
- Percentage expenditure used by preterm babies is 60.9%

Source: The University of Louisiana at Monroe • Source Date January 9, 2008 , Expenditure of preterm birth in Louisiana Medicaid population SFY 2007.

Prematurity Awareness Campaign

- November is Prematurity Awareness Month
- November 17 is Prematurity Awareness Day
- Premature Birth Annual Report Card launched in 2008
- Premature birth is a crisis in our country
- Goal to bring people together to help give all babies their 9 months.
- The March of Dimes is leading a national effort to save babies from premature birth by funding research to find the causes.

2010 Report Card Overview

- 17 states earned a “C”
- 20 received a “D”
- 13 states including Louisiana, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico failed.
- Grades states by comparing each state’s rate of premature birth to the nation’s 2010 objective of 7.6%
- Selected Contributing factors
 - Uninsured Women
 - Women Smoking
 - Late Preterm Birth

Attachments

1. March of Dimes 2010 Premature Report Card-Louisiana
2. March of Dimes 2010 Premature Birth Report Card-United States

Can you imagine the day when every baby is born healthy?



We can.

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Thank You

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