



HEALTHY MOMS. STRONG BABIES.

Here's how March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies:

RESEARCH

We fund and support research at our Prematurity Research Centers and in promising areas to find solutions and make lifesaving breakthroughs.

EDUCATE

We offer resources and programs that help moms before, during and after pregnancy and give medical professionals the tools and best practices they need.

ADVOCATE

We fight for policies in the halls of government that prioritize the health of moms and babies.

UNITE

We bring together organizations and professionals from diverse backgrounds to identify and act on solutions to improve equity and preterm birth prevention.

SUPPORT

We comfort and assist moms and families throughout every stage of the pregnancy journey, even when things don't go according to plan.

PARTNER

We partner with community organizations and health care providers to ensure moms and families have access to programs and services that support healthy pregnancies.

EACH YEAR IN HAWAII



17,517

babies are born



1,829

babies are born prematurely



530

babies are born with a birth defect



109

babies die before their first birthday



\$94 MILLION

is the societal cost of preterm birth

In Hawaii, March of Dimes is a champion for families, focusing on communities with the greatest need and fighting for the best possible care for all moms and babies.

RESEARCH

In 2018 March of Dimes invested nearly **\$20 million** in research to understand, treat and prevent the serious health problems that threaten babies. This research improves the care of mothers and babies in Hawaii, throughout the United States and across the globe. At our **six Prematurity Research Centers** teams of brilliant minds from a range of disciplines look for answers and share discoveries to transform our understanding of preterm birth, including causes and preventions. Learn more at marchofdimes.org/research.

ADVOCATE

March of Dimes is a powerful voice for the needs of pregnant women, infants, children and families in Hawaii. In 2018 March of Dimes successfully advocated for legislation to ensure consumer protections guaranteed by the Affordable Care Act are incorporated into state law, including prohibiting health plans and insurers from imposing preexisting condition exclusions or using an individual's gender to determine health plan premiums.

SUPPORT

March of Dimes helps families when a pregnancy doesn't go according to plan. In 2018 we launched the My NICU Baby™ app, providing free, easy to use information for all NICU families. Through the online Share Your Story® site and Facebook mentoring program, we bring together families impacted by the biggest health threats to mom and baby. We also educate families and staff and improve the NICU experience through our NICU Family Support® program in **Honolulu** and our Training Institute for health care professionals.

SOURCES AND NOTES: Births and preterm births — National Center for Health Statistics, final natality 2017. Preterm is less than 37 weeks gestation. Birth defects — Based on CDC estimate that 1 in 33 babies is born with one or more birth defect. Infant mortality — NCHS, infant mortality, 2016. Cost of preterm birth — Institute of Medicine report, 2007.

EDUCATE

March of Dimes helps all women have healthy pregnancies and strong babies by providing the latest health information in English and Spanish on preconception, prenatal, postpartum and newborn care. We communicate this information through our websites, social media, and community and workplace programs. In 2018 clinicians on every major island in Hawaii received training in One Key Question® to promote preconception health. On Oahu, women received education on healthy birth spacing and reproductive life planning.

UNITE

March of Dimes Hawaii co-sponsored the Advancing Maternal and Fetal Outcomes: Data, Process and Action Summit on improving maternal health outcomes through quality initiatives and data through a perinatal quality collaborative. The summit was attended by hospitals' representatives, clinicians, insurers and government officials—all of the major islands were represented. March of Dimes is partnering with American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the University of Hawaii and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to start the Hawaii Perinatal Quality Collaborative.

PARTNER

March of Dimes serves on the Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Committee and continues as a core team member of the public-private Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative with a leadership role in the Pregnancy Workgroup. March of Dimes Hawaii is partnering with the State Department of Health to develop a review panel for infant deaths as part of the Child Death Review.

JOIN THE FIGHT

Because of friends like you, we can provide programs, tools and support for all moms and babies.

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