



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5180.20 Programs to reduce negative birth outcomes and disparities.

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(A) The director of children and youth shall identify each government program providing benefits, other than the help me grow program established by the department of children and youth pursuant to section 5180.21 of the Revised Code, that has the goal of reducing infant mortality and negative birth outcomes or the goal of reducing disparities among women who are pregnant or capable of becoming pregnant and who belong to a racial or ethnic minority. A program shall be identified only if it provides education, training, and support services related to those goals to program participants in their homes. The director may consult with the Ohio partnership to build stronger families for assistance with identifying the programs.

(B) An administrator of a program identified under division (A) of this section shall report to the director data on program performance indicators that are used to assess progress toward achieving program goals. The administrator shall report the data in the format and within the time frames specified in rules adopted under division (C) of this section. Using the data reported under this division, the director shall prepare an annual report assessing the performance of each government program identified pursuant to division (A) of this section during the immediately preceding twelve-month period. In addition, the report shall summarize and provide an analysis of the information contained in the "information for medical and health use only" section of the birth records for individuals born during the prior twelve-month period.

The director shall provide a copy of the report to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director shall adopt rules specifying program performance indicators on which data must be reported by the administrators described in division (B) of this section as well as the format and time frames in which the data must be reported. To the extent possible, the program performance indicators specified in the rules shall be consistent with federal reporting requirements for federally funded home visiting services. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.