Embracing a Life Course Framework for Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program Operations

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Programs

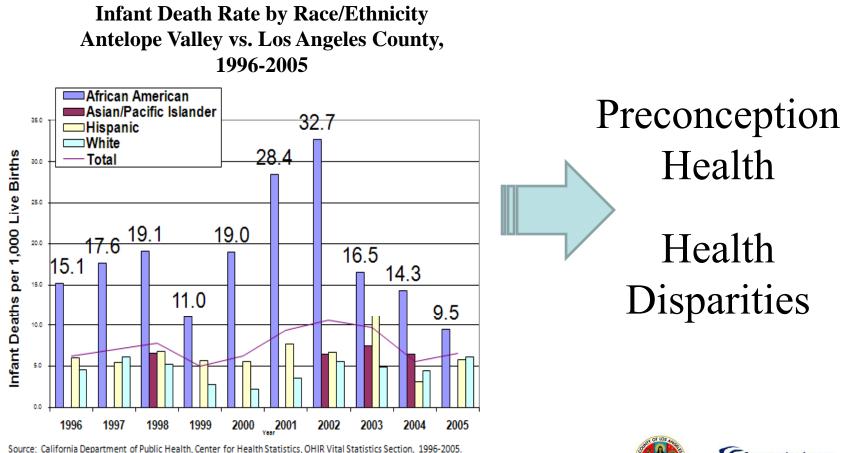


Today's Presentation

- From preconception health to life course trajectory
- Mapping programs and services to the life course
- Putting a life course framework into practice



Infant Mortality Refocuses MCAH Programs



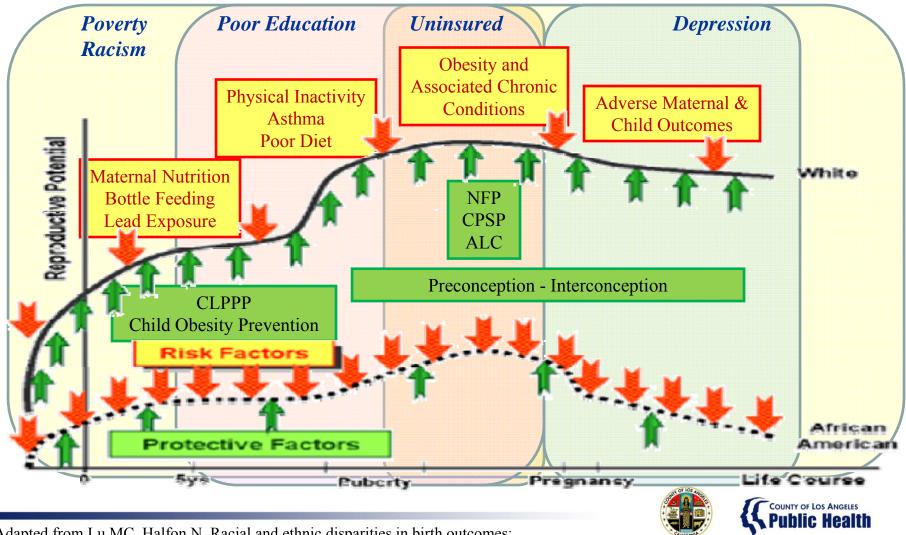


Barriers to Favorable Birth Outcomes and Health Trajectories

- No health insurance
- Poverty
- Depression
- Low educational attainment
- Racism
- Perceiving a neighborhood as unsafe



LAC MCAH Programs Change Life Course Health Trajectories



Adapted from Lu MC, Halfon N. Racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes: a life-course perspective. Maternal and Child Health Journal 2003; 7:13-30.

Depression Screening

Nurse Family Partnership

 Mental health assessment, referrals to resources and services

Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program

 Two-hour provider trainings on perinatal depression and PHQ9 screening tool









Neighborhood Revitalization

Gang prevention

Family resource centers

Federal funding initiatives

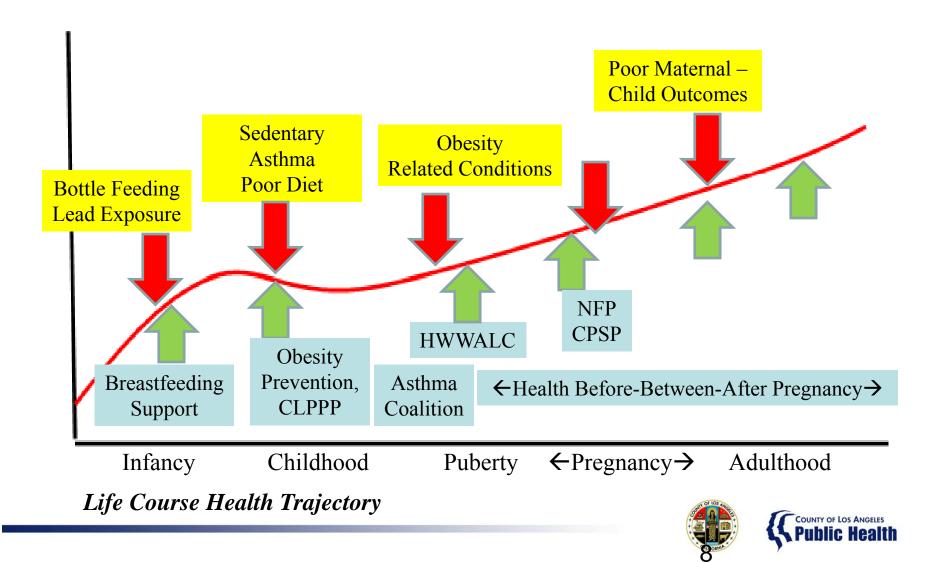








MCAH Nutrition for a Good Life



VISUAL PHN SURVEY REPORT: Stepping Stones to a Healthy People in Healthy Communities

Patient's Last Name:			Patient	me:	DOB:			Date Survey Conducted:					
Medical Record Number:			SPA:			Health District:			1	2	3	Distri 4	5
Psychosocial Issues:		Juvenile H		; ⊡ No	No Yes II/Camp 911 call		i ly Violenc Yes ⊒No L 1 called Yes ⊒No	<u>e</u> :	Special Education		1		
Concerns:		Yes [ied 🗖 by history 🛽		Diabetes Ves No Managed by: Injection PO		Other Medical Conditions Pregnant Autism Down-Syndrome Other:		So De	Regular Source of Dental Care			

Check the appropriate box for each hazard that exists within the home.

Family renting home? Yes No	Year home built:	Multi-dwelling (≥ 5 units)? ⊡Yes ⊡No					
ACCIDENTS/INJURY Unsecured windows Hazards in home or building							
Does caregiver(s) know Poison Control Centers emergency number (1-800-222-1222)?							
Uses kerosene heaters, gas stoves/ovens, or barbeque grills to heat home							
FIRE SAFETY Non-removable security bar(s)	🔲 Locked fire a	escape 🔲 Blocked fire door					
🔲 Non-functioning or non-existing smoke detectors 🔲 No fire extinguisher 🔲 Non-working heater							
ASTHMA (TRIGGERS) Medical history of asthma or respiratory	disease 🔲 Smokers in l	home 🔲 Excessive dust in home					
Alive or dead cockroaches or rodents	Dry rodent d	droppings 🔲 Mold/Mildew					
Water Damage (walls wet/newly stained) Pets in household (cat or dog)							
CHILD SAFETY							
Holes in wall(s) Hazardous substances/medicines in reach of children (under sink in kitchen/bath)							
🔲 Exposed electrical wires 🛛 🔲 Unprotected electrical outlets 🗖 Long and unsecured window blind cords							
🔲 No use of car seat/seat belt 🔲 No use of helmet/protective gear 🔲 Unsecured swimming pool							
MISCELLANEOUS Uses safe food handling techniques of thawing frozen meat in refrigerator overnight or microwaving							
Uses of High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) in home (e.g. vacuum)							
Referral to EH Health Homes Project completed Date:							
PHN Signature:	Reviewed by:						

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Healthy Homes Assessment



The Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality (PEDIM)

- PEDIM a joint project of CityMatCH, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs and the National Healthy Start Association
- Action Learning Collaborative (ALC) an 18 month program of PEDIM
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation Funded







National Healthy Start Association



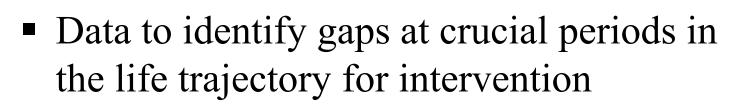


Challenges

- Overcoming staff perceptions that life course framing is either "nothing new" or more work
- Risk of giving up control or losing identify when partnering with others
- Staff and resource shortages



Key Points: A Life Course Framework for MCAH Program Operations



- Educate staff on life course model
- New partnerships to connect MCH programs with community efforts to improve physical and social environment
- S.
- Focus on promoting health before and between pregnancies



Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H. Director charding@ph.lacounty.gov



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Public Health