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Health Department Receives \$200,000 Grant from The Heinz Endowments *Funding to Support Department's Maternal and Child Health Program*

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) has received a \$200,000 grant from The Heinz Endowments that will assist the department's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program in addressing infant and maternal mortality.

"There are stark differences in health among population groups in Allegheny County, and understanding the reasons for these differences and how to mitigate them is essential to improving public health," said Maternal and Child Health Program Manager Dannai Wilson. "We must continue to work to reduce barriers so that residents have full access to services that improve their health and well-being."

The grant period begins in January of 2020 and ends June of 2021. Funding will be used to increase awareness of and reduce barriers to MCH services and will provide the MCH program with new electronic case management system software. The digital upgrade will help improve communication between the MCH program and families that are served and will provide better functionality to help identify trends within the client population.

In addition, funding will be used to evaluate current MCH policies and to develop a new policy or resolution that will focus on eliminating those factors that drive racial disparities in birth outcomes.

For more information about regarding ACHD's Maternal and Child Health Program, visit: <http://bit.ly/2lfCCfz>

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