



## Meetings

### How can I get involved?

Attend a Consortium meeting!  
*(Please visit our website for bi-monthly meeting information.)*

### For more information, visit:

[www.montcopa.org/  
investinginfamilies](http://www.montcopa.org/investinginfamilies)

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ACLAMO Family Center

Carson Valley Children's Aid  
Norristown Family Center

Maternity Care Coalition

Montgomery County Infant/Toddler  
Early Intervention

Montgomery County  
Office of Behavioral Health

Montgomery County Office of  
Children & Youth

Montgomery County Health Department

Family Services of Montgomery County  
Pottstown Family Center

*For a full list of community partners, please visit our  
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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**  
*Maternal and Early Childhood  
Consortium*

Montgomery County  
Human Services Center  
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*Envisioning a  
"healthier community  
with positive birth outcomes  
and family stability"*



*The mission of the Montgomery County Maternal and Early Childhood Consortium is to “promote awareness of and engage families with maternal and early childhood family support programs through collaborative community partnerships.”*

## Why young families matter

*“The well-being of mothers, infants, and children determines the health of the next generation and can help predict future public health challenges for families, communities, and the medical care system.  
(U.S. Healthy People 2020)*

***While most Montgomery County mothers, fathers, infants, young children and their families enjoy a level of health, there exist disparities in the incidences of infant mortality and child maltreatment.***



## What is the Montgomery County Maternal and Early Childhood Consortium?

The Montgomery County Maternal and Early Childhood Consortium is a collaborative effort between county health and human service agencies and private, non-profit agencies providing family support services to pregnant women, fathers, children up to age three, and their families.

The purpose of the consortium is to collaboratively, and with coordinated efforts, bring awareness, education, and link the community to the many effective home visiting resources available in Montgomery County.

### Infant Mortality =

# Infant Deaths (0 – 364 Days)  
1,000 Live Births

This rate is often used as an indicator to measure the health and well-being of a nation, because factors affecting the health of entire populations can also impact the mortality rate of infants.

## What are the goals of the Consortium?

### ***Improve birth outcomes by:***

- Reducing the infant mortality rate
- Promoting full-term pregnancy
- Building strong relationships among communities, providers, and families in relation to accessing prenatal care and social services

### ***Improve family stability and well-being by:***

- Reducing child maltreatment
- Reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors
- Early and holistic provider engagement with families and communities

### Child Maltreatment =

The failure of a parent or other person with responsibility for a child under the age of 18, who intentionally, knowingly or recklessly through any act or failure to act causes injury to a child or fails to provide for a child's basic needs.