



Summer 2018 Newsletter

The Healthy Start Community Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties is part of a state-wide system of coalitions, empowered on the local level, to provide services to pregnant women and their babies, based on the need and the resources of the community.

The Healthy Start Coalition is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization led by a volunteer board of directors.

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In 2016-2017, Healthy Start served 1,718 women throughout Okaloosa and Walton Counties!

Thank you to ALL the OB/GYN Physicians and Labor and Delivery Hospitals throughout Okaloosa and Walton Counties for participating in the Healthy Start Screening Process!

***Our 2018 - 2020
Family Resource Directories are here!***

Please [click here](#) to view our 2018 Okaloosa County Resource Directory.

Please [click here](#) to view our 2018 Walton County Resource Directory

If you would like to obtain print copies, please [click here](#) to send a request to our Community Liaison.



New Healthy Start Employees

Jordyn Autry, Community Liaison

Jordyn Autry, originally from Granite Bay, CA, attended the University of Nevada, Reno where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Management in 2015. In January of 2018 she graduated from Western Governors University with a Master of Science in Management and Leadership. She has two years of previous experience working in an OB/GYN office in Reno, Nevada and one year of experience working with a nonprofit that provided resources to medical group managers.



In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with her husband and friends, going to the beach, and enjoying different activities and events in the area. She is passionate about art and loves to paint with acrylics as well as baking, cooking and watching movies.

What excites her the most about working for Healthy Start is meeting community leaders, partnering with other organizations, and learning about all the resources that our community offers. Jordyn is also excited to organize and implement new outreach projects that support our local moms, babies, and families.

Lorie Molina, Coordinated Intake and Referral Manager

Lorie was hired to administer a new system of care at the Healthy Start Coalition called Coordinated Intake and Referral. This system will provide a way for CI&R personnel to review the Healthy Start health risk screenings that come in from local doctors' offices and labor and delivery hospitals. She will be using her new vantage point to refer eligible clients to home visiting programs that best suit their needs. The goal of CI&R is to provide a streamlined intake process for women, infants and children up to 3 years of age to receive valuable services with limited duplications. Lorie will also be running the MomCare program that works to ensure that women on pregnancy Medicaid have prenatal care and information about community resources. She sincerely enjoys speaking with the clients and providing them with helpful guidance.



Lorie received her Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management through the University of Maryland. She enjoys taking on new challenges that provide personal growth. Spending time with her family and baking in the kitchen is what makes this lady happy. Exploring new restaurants, going to theme parks and relaxing on the beach are just a few of her favorite pastimes. As a new resident of Florida, She looks forward to becoming more involved in this community.



Healthy Okaloosa Outstanding Partner of the Year

At the recent Healthy Okaloosa Celebration, Dr. Karen Chapman, Director of the Florida Department of Health Okaloosa County presented our Executive Director, Ardelle Bush with the 2017 Outstanding Partner of the Year Award for her unwavering support of the Florida Healthy Babies Initiative and the local education campaign, Recipe for a Healthy Baby.

We are proud to be one of the many Healthy Okaloosa Partners who are working hard to make Okaloosa County a healthier place to live, learn, work, and play!



Left: Director of the Florida Department of Health Okaloosa County, Dr. Karen Chapman,
Right: Executive Director of Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, Ardelle Bush

All the Benefits of Breastfeeding in a Bucket

Quality Assurance Manager, Denise Creech, brought back a tool from a recent training event and shared it with our team of care coordinators.

The Breastfeeding Benefits Bucket contains many thought provoking items that represent why breastfeeding is best for a mother and her baby. The purpose was to provide a lighthearted way for Healthy Start



Care Coordinators to educate their clients who may be unaware of all the benefits of breastfeeding their babies.

Okaloosa County Care Coordinator, Jessica Taylor, had this to say about the buckets, "It's working!"

Florida State University Partners for a Healthy Baby

The Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties recently hosted a two-day workshop for over 40 Healthy Start Care Coordinators who provide services to mothers and babies in northwest Florida. The workshop introduced updates to an evidence-based curriculum entitled *Partners for a Healthy Baby*, currently being used by H.S. Care Coordinators. *Partners for a Healthy Baby* is supported by Florida State University. The curriculum aims to help home visitors reduce low birth weight, reduce the rate of child abuse, enhance child health and development, promote stability and economic self-sufficiency and strengthen families overall.



*In Memory of
Dr. David Stoneking
January 24, 1960 - April 9, 2018*



The Healthy Start Coalition would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Stoneking for his untimely passing.

Dr. Stoneking was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan and attended Baker University and Missouri Western State University, graduating with a Degree in Psychology. He later went on to receive a Master's Degree in Psychology from Central Missouri State University. After several years working in Psychology, Dr. Stoneking decided to follow his true passion and returned to medical school. He graduated from Kansas University of Medicine and Bio-Sciences as a D.O. specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Stoneking was a long time supporter of the Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties. As a specialist providing OB/GYN care at White Wilson Medical Center in Fort Walton Beach, Dr. Stoneking and his staff put in valuable time and effort to make sure every new OB patient seen in their office completed a Healthy Start Prenatal Risk Screen. Dr. Stoneking was also contracted with Healthy Start to provide prenatal care for uninsured pregnant women. His dedication to helping pregnant women and their babies greatly impacted our community and he will be deeply missed.



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