



# Changing the Landscape of **MATERNITY CARE** in Martin County



care in Martin County.

The **MOM Mobile** is now taking prenatal care directly to expectant mothers in Golden Gate, East Stuart, Indiantown and Hobe Sound. These are some of our most vulnerable neighborhoods where women have the greatest difficulty travelling to a medical location for prenatal care and follow-up visits.



### Our IMPACT

Our midwives are on board the **MOM Mobile**, giving care to expectant mothers right in their own neighborhoods, connecting them with doulas, and teaching them how to care for themselves and their babies.

of pregnant women were screened in 2023-24 for risk factors 76% that might endanger them or their babies. of Martin County babies were screened for risk factors that 90% could contribute to poor health and developmental outcomes. of women in Healthy Start's Nurse Family Partnership 100% initiated breastfeeding. families participated in our **Home Visitation Program** to 322 ensure mothers and children are healthy, safe, and bonding and that their baby is developing successfully. families were connected to life-impacting services like 932 parenting education, breastfeeding support, childbirth education, dental services, or mental health counseling.



#### Low Infant Mortality Rate in our community

2022

**3.9** deaths per thousand births

**12.31** deaths per thousand births

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### Bridging **CULTURAL** Differences



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In 2023-24

women trained to be doulas

87 women helped through pregnancy and childbirth by doulas

Our **Doula Program** is an innovative way to support pregnant women who have cultural differences, language difficulties, low income, or other high-risk factors.

Doulas offer physical, emotional and educational support to a mother before, during and shortly after childbirth. They build cultural connections that result in enhanced care and better outcomes.

### Encouraging FATHERS

Our successful **David Cardno Fatherhood Initiative** in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties equips fathers with the skills they need to be good dads.





58 fathers gained valuable insights into topics including the value of marriage and the importance of bonding with their children.

# Helping with PRACTICAL NEEDS



**Ellie's Boutique,** located within our Healthy Start office, offers donated items to our families to make life a little easier.

**Pack n plays and car seats** are provided with education to ensure safe sleep and safe travel for infants.



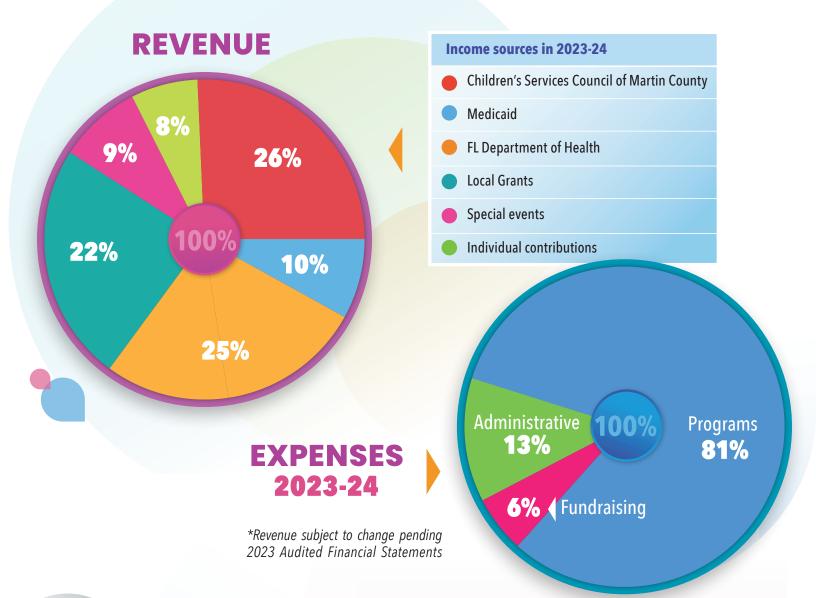


195,000 diapers distributed to 965 families in need from the Healthy Start Diaper Pantry.

#### Caring *in* **TIMES OF SORROW**

**Madison's Miracles** provides support and resources to grieving parents who have experienced stillbirth, pregnancy, or infant loss in Martin and Okeechobee counties. families served on the Treasure Coast





# Our Family of SERVICES

- Prenatal care from qualified midwives
- Birthing care and assistance from community doulas
- Education and support:
  - Breastfeeding
  - Car Seat, Sleep, & Child Safety
  - Mental Health Support
  - Fatherhood Coaching
- Newborn Care
- Nutrition
- Childbirth & Parenting Education
- Perinatal Mental Health & Bereavement

• Community connections with our partners to help with services like finances, insurance, and basic needs

All services are confidential and **FREE** of charge regardless of income.

# How YOU CAN HELP



A baby's future is in YOUR HANDS

# Your investment in Healthy Start is an investment in:

- **Babies**, who deserve a healthy start in life.
- Mothers, who may face a lifetime of medical issues without proper care.
- Fathers, who may need resources to help them actively participate in their children's lives.
- Our community, because we care about our children and want to do all we can to ensure babies are born healthy, mothers are supported, and fathers are involved.



Martin County Healthy Support is committed to its mission to support inclusive access to exceptional prenatal care and ongoing services that promote healthy growth and development for babies and families in Martin County.

Please **SUPPORT** our impactful, multi-generational, life-changing work with a donation **TODAY.** 





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