



# **STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THE BIGGEST HEALTH THREATS FACING MOMS & BABIES**

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## OUR MISSION

**MARCH OF  
DIMES LEADS  
THE FIGHT FOR  
THE HEALTH  
OF ALL MOMS  
AND BABIES.**





# RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN MATERNAL MORTALITY

Women of color are most at risk of facing complications, with Black women three to four times more likely to die from complications related to pregnancy causes compared to white women.





**WE ARE  
FIGHTING FOR  
#BLANKETCHANGE**



# PRETERM BIRTH IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Texas's preterm birth rate in 2017 rose from 10.4 to 10.6 percent and the state overall received a **"D"** grade.

Many of the cities in Texas received a **"C"** or **"D"** grade, with Austin receiving a 9.3 **"C"** grade and San Antonio receiving an 11.9 **"F"** grade.





# LAUNCH OF GREATER HOUSTON BIRTH EQUITY INITIATIVE

March of Dimes was able to take the lead in launching this initiative to advance birth equity and forge a path toward change across communities and systems.





# PROGRESS CONTINUES INTO 2019

Congress passed the **PREEMIE Reauthorization Act** and the **Preventing Maternal Deaths Act**, two top advocacy priorities that have the potential to improve the lives of moms, babies and families across the country.



# COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

March of Dimes welcomed the first European Prematurity Research Center at the Imperial College London. Brilliant minds are working together at all six of our centers, and through collaborative research across disciplines, to find the causes of prematurity and develop lifesaving solutions for moms and babies.





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