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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN GULF COUNTY
ANNOUNCES FLORIDA HEALTHY BABIES
COMMUNITY MEETING**

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Port St. Joe, FL - The Florida Department of Health in Gulf County is pleased to announce it will be hosting a community meeting to discuss Florida Healthy Babies. Florida Healthy Babies is a collaborative statewide initiative designed to positively influence social determinants of health and reduce racial disparities in infant mortality. The meeting will take place at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 29th at 10:00 a.m.

“Although the infant mortality rate in Gulf County remains relatively low, the loss of even one child is a tragedy,” said Marsha Lindeman, Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Gulf and Franklin Counties. “This meeting brings opportunities to partner with local organizations and programs that play a role in improving health outcomes for Gulf County Babies. We want every baby born in Gulf County to be a healthy baby.”

Recently, the department [invested \\$1.4 million](#) in the Florida Healthy Babies initiative, which is an effort of the department’s Health Equity Program Council. The Council focuses on helping all Floridians achieve health equity, or the highest level of health. Part of the funding provided to all 67 counties supports a localized enhanced data analysis of infant mortality to share at a community-action planning meeting to address disparities in infant mortality.

What: Florida Department of Health in Gulf County Florida Healthy Babies Community Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 29, 2016

10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. EST

Where: Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

274 Avenue D, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

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