



# EDUCATE AND ADVOCATE

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK CANDIDATES ABOUT WHAT ACTION AND POLICIES THEY WILL IMPLEMENT TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY AND PREVENT PREMATURITY. AS YOU ATTEND TOWN HALLS OR CANDIDATE FORUMS, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS AND QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:



- The leading cause of infant deaths in Milwaukee and Wisconsin is prematurity. Premature births happen in every county in Wisconsin and disproportionately affect African American families. Not only is there a social cost of babies being born too small and too soon, premature births cost the city and state nearly 15 times more in health care costs than full-term births. We want our city and state to be a leader in addressing infant mortality and prematurity.
- How will you increase access to and the quality of medical care and reproductive life planning, especially for women throughout their life span?
- Fathers and families play a key role in supporting healthy birth outcomes. What action will you take to promote healthy relationships and support men's health, education and financial stability?
- Social issues are health issues, and can negatively impact birth outcomes. How will you decrease chronic stressors, such as housing, transportation, unemployment and poor quality of education?

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