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Gov. Evers, DHS: $16 Million investment in maternal and child health

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) at an event in Milwaukee today announced Gov. Tony Evers is directing $16 million in grants to improve maternal and child health. Through collaborations with Wisconsin's two leading public health endowments, the Medical College of Wisconsin Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, the dollars will be invested in efforts to close gaps in maternal and child health outcomes. In addition, the initiative provides funding to DHS' Maternal and Child Health Program to administer a grant program. The program will fund maternal and child health equity initiatives intended to combat maternal and infant mortality at the community and systems-level and strengthen health outcomes for families across Wisconsin. Each partner will receive $5.5 million to support their efforts.

"We can help build strong, safe, and resilient communities by investing in supporting healthy moms and babies," said Gov. Evers. "We have to connect the dots to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare if we want to address the health disparities our state has faced for years. I've always said that what's best for our kids is what's best for our state, and these investments are critical for supporting kids and families and creating the future we want for our state."