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African-American men and women invited to healthy baby events in June

PENSACOLA -- With African-American babies born in Escambia County, Florida twice as likely to die from prematurity, the Escambia County Health Department invites African-American men and women to events in June that teach important skills on giving birth to a healthy baby.

“We’re reaching out to men and women who are 18-25 years old, but we want to create a community of health ambassadors, so family members and others involved with young people are also welcome,” said Dr. John Lanza, director of the Escambia County Health Department. “These will be fun events featuring music and food, but will also provide life-saving health information.”

Each event will include food, music, informational presentations, children’s immunizations, and goodie bags for all attendees. Presentations from health experts on diet, exercise, sexual health, living free from tobacco and drugs, and breastfeeding will be included. Parents who want to get their child immunized should bring their child’s current shot record. The Health Department will offer free screenings for sexually transmitted diseases.

Event dates and locations are:

Thursday, June 4, 2009

12 p.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
Oakwood Terrace
700 Truman Ave., Pensacola, 32505

Thursday, June 11, 2009

12 p.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
Forest Creek Apartments
34 Patton Dr., Pensacola, 32507

Thursday, June 18, 2009

12 p.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
Carver Century Community Center
7040 Jefferson Ave., Century, 32535

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