June 29-August 31 - NEAR SOUTH SIDE

**Goal of CelebrateOne Community Work:**

**Help improve social and economic conditions that drive infant mortality disparities across our community**

**Problems that we want to address:**

* Building acceptance, respect, core values, culture of hope
* Providing school-based health programming, parenting classes, education and awareness
* Addressing lack of diversity and improving cultural competency
* Preventing unplanned pregnancies and drug use and increase access to services
* Building and supporting faith-based communities
* Revitalizing the neighborhood physically

**The Near South Community Team is advocating for an intervention that focuses on the following:**

* **EDUCATION**
* **EMPOWERMENT**
* **COMMUNITY RESOURCES that are CENTRALLY LOCATED**
* **SYSTEM CHANGE/ADVOCACY**

**What is your best idea within each category?** Over 50 ideas collected, the following ideas received the most support:

**Education**

* Increase visibility of black professionals as role models
* Peer to peer evidence based comprehensive sexual education in schools
* Student civic “americorps” for volunteer activities
* Use a famous person to deliver health messaging.
* Culturally sensitive media campaign on the “journey to success”

**Empowerment**

* Summer/Weekend program helps teens to see who they can be
* Educate clergy on modern issues (see burden as opportunities, mental health, stigma, violence
* Bring male community leaders in to create/implement programs
* College prep activities/expand extracurricular/after school programs with support
* Ongoing coming home Festival to bring people who grew up in community back

**Centrally located Community Resources**

* Train residents as health workers (Beauty, Barber and Nails)
* More 24/7 daycare sites
* More free meal sites
* Dollar house program
* Focus on the “Gates of Faith” - view and train Faith communities to be a part of the system of care
* Increase awareness with door to door and billboard campaign

**System Change/Advocacy**

* Comprehensive sex and reproductive health education
* Women and minorities in leadership program
* Legislative town hall meetings
* Centrally located hub for neighborhood services
* Analysis of why women and racial groups are not treated the same by medical personnel

**The Work Continues – Building a Model for Families and Babies on the Near South Side**

**Every month – 4th Mondays at 5:30pm at the Driving Park Library**

Calendar and Monthly newsletter coming soon.

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**THANK YOU NEAR SOUTH COMMUNITY TEAM**