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# **Maternal, Infant & Child Health Action Teams Highlights**

**Healthy Connecticut 2020  
State Health Improvement Plan**

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# Action Team: Maternal, Infant & Child Health

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- **Greatest Accomplishment**
  - Serving as a vehicle for communicating, coordinating and integrating MCH services
  - Advocacy efforts led to passage of Paid Family Medical Leave Act
- **Currently Working On**
  - Community call to action to offer developmental screenings
  - Worked with legislative champions to promote screenings of the film “Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope”
- **Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020**
  - Develop a legislative agenda on toxic stress and trauma

# Maternal, Infant & Child Health Strategies

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- Support the provision of preconception/interconception health care throughout the childbearing years in community and clinical settings
- Collaborate across sectors to increase socioeconomic and health equity
- Support reproductive and sexual health services
- Increase dental care provided by pediatric primary care providers (PCPs)
- Encourage pediatric PCPs to include oral health in the well child visits
- Increase awareness on the importance of developmental screening
- Train community and healthcare providers to improve screening rates and coordination of referrals and linkage to services within the state
- Engage in cross system planning and coordination of activities around developmental screening



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