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Healthy Babies Coalition

(January 30, 2012) The Waco McLennan County Public Health District has received a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to improve infant mortality in McLennan County. Information from the DSHS Perinatal Periods of Risk report for 2003-2008 revealed that a large percentage of the fetio-infant death in McLennan County is due to a high number of Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW) births.

Because of this issue, the Health District along with numerous community partners including the Waco Foundation and the Central Texas March of Dimes have come together to form the Healthy Babies Coalition to focus on improving infant mortality rates in McLennan County.

The Healthy Babies Coalition will utilize the March of Dimes' *Healthy Babies are Worth The Wait* campaign. This all encompassing campaign will provide education for area physicians, expectant mothers, and the community-at-large regarding the importance of carrying a pregnancy to full term.

For more information on the Healthy Babies Coalition please contact Tiffani Johnson at 254-750-5448.

Healthy Baby Coalition Members

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Central Texas March of Dimes
Waco Center for Women's Health
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