

# Region IV & Region VI Infant Mortality Summit

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Region VI INFANT MORTALITY SUMMIT  
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## Summit Purpose

- To Kick-off a HRSA/MCHB National Initiative to Reduce Infant Mortality
- To Serve as a “Pilot” for Future Work with Other Regions.
- To Provide an Opportunity for Collaboration with Key National/Federal Partners



# Goals & Objectives

**Goal:** To improve birth outcomes and reduce infant mortality and prematurity in the United States.

**Objective 1:** Increase understanding of strategies to improve birth outcomes and infant mortality among Federal, State, and non-profit partners.

**Objective 2:** Create synergy among State Health Officials, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Directors, and State partners to improve birth outcomes and reduce infant mortality through health and community systems development.

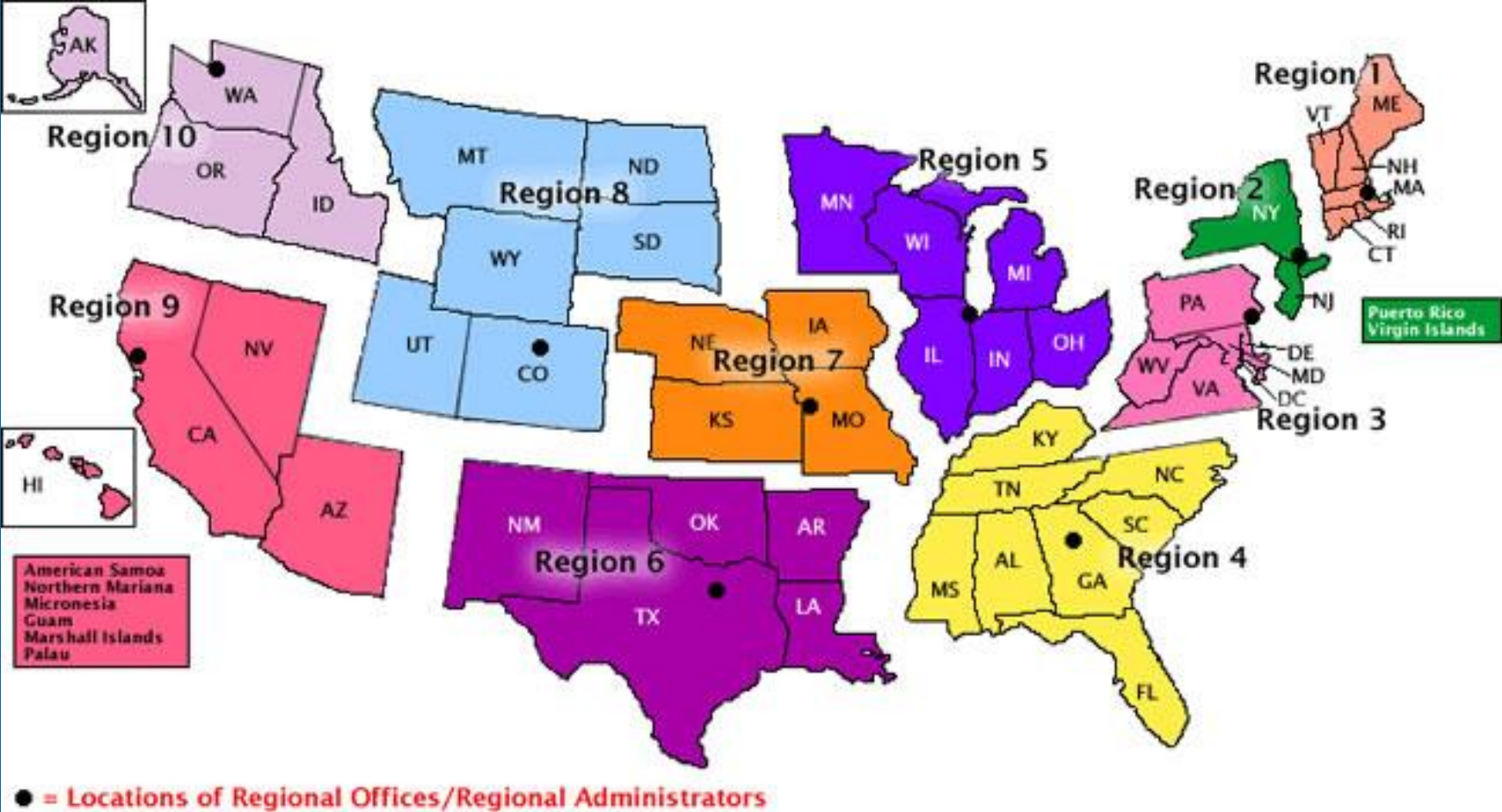
**Objective 3:** Identify clear strategies, outcomes and their impact on reducing infant mortality in the State with special consideration of high risk individuals, families, and communities.

**Objective 4:** Investigate the potential of one common strategy for States in the regions to reduce infant mortality and preterm birth.

**Objective 5:** Create a unified message that builds on the best practices from around the nation and the efforts from States in Regions IV and VI, which can be adopted by other States and Jurisdictions.



# HHS Regions



# Most Common Priority Strategies from Region IV and Region VI Infant Mortality Summit State Action Plans



# Summit Outcomes

- ❑ Increased understanding of strategies and resources
- ❑ Increased synergy among State Partners
- ❑ 13 State Blue Print for Change/ Action Plan Drafts



# Summit Follow-Up

- 13 Action Plans shared with each State
- Technical Assistance available for States through MCH Block Grant
- Action Plan Analysis



# Resources

- ❑ Printed Resource Materials

<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/infantmortalitysummit>

- ❑ Speaker Presentations / Videos

<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/infantmortalitysummit.html>





# Evaluation

❑ High level of satisfaction among participants within all categories rated:

- overall summit;
- individual presentations;
- State Workgroup Sessions;
- Venue/Facilities

“Great to have sessions where best practices were shared”

“Like the format with presentations then group work”

“Opportunity for relationship building; continue to identify members who can contribute to state team”

“I believe more babies in my state will live and thrive as a result of this initiative”



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