

Anchor Intro	80 PERCENT OF INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITIES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN. HOWARD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE'S KYRA AZORE HAS MORE ON WHAT THE DISTRICT IS DOING TO COMBAT THIS ISSUE.
Take VO	<p>D.C. MAYOR MURIEL BROWER HOSTED THE MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH SUMMIT TO GIVE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO 'EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE PERINATAL HEALTH AND ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN BIRTH OUTCOMES.'</p> <p>DC CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE, DR. ROGER A. MITCHELL JR. SPEAKS TO THE DISPARITIES HE SEES IN HIS WORK.</p>
Take SOT: Dr. Roger A. Mitchell Jr. Chief Medical Examiner Chairman	<p>:03 "The majority of those affected are African Americans."</p> <p>:08 "There is a lack of equity. You see African American babies, poor babies dying at a higher rate than compared to their counterparts."</p>
Take VO	DISTRICT MOTHER TANESHA KINARD FEELS LIKE THERE'S A LOT THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THESE DISPORPTIONATE RATES, INCLUDING THE CARE MOTHERS RECEIVE.
Take SOT Tanesha Kinard	:08 "I actually had my baby at the birth center...in Washington, DC because I didn't trust hospitals at the time. I didn't necessarily believe that I was going to get the proper care I needed for my baby."
Take VO	DR. TRICIALAND HILLIARD, PROGRAM COORDINATOR OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, SPOKE TO THE ROLE SUBSTANCE

<p>Take SOT Dr. Tricialand Hilliard Program Coordinator, Substance Use Disorders</p> <p>Take VO</p> <p>:03 Healthcare Shot :02 Photo booth Shot</p> <p>Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr.</p> <p>Stand Up</p> <p>Anchor Tag</p>	<p>ABUSE PLAYS IN INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITIES.</p> <p>:11 “So, alcohol and drugs are all a collective component whether its prenatal or active pregnancy. People say let me do a little bit it won’t hurt, but you really need to about the prenatal—not just week 1, week 2 but years in advance as your health as a woman.”</p> <p>THE ALL-INCLUSIVE SUMMIT, THAT WAS EQUIPPED WITH A HEALTH FAIR, LUNCHEON AND ONSITE CHILDCARE, SET OUT TO ALSO EDUCATE MOTHERS ABOUT THE HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT BUT ALSO TO TALK ABOUT ‘WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE’ NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE.</p> <p>:07 “Bringing anyone together to talk about issues is important. But we have to do the work of saving lives in our community and advocating.” :03 “We need to work together with government officials to get it done.”</p> <p>60 PERCENT OF INFANT DEATHS IN THE DISTRICT OCCUR WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF BIRTH. FROM THE INAUGURAL MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH SUMMIT, FOR HOWARD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE, I’M KYRA AZORE.</p> <p>MAYOR BOWSER RECENTLY ADOPTED A BABY GIRL, MIRANDA, SO I’M SURE WE’LL SEE MORE OF THESE SUMMITS IN YEARS TO COME.</p>
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