

DataSpeak
Healthy People 2000 Progress Review on Maternal and Infant Objectives
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Facilitator's Guide

The MCH Information Resource Center's (IRC) DataSpeak program is designed to provide the MCH community with current information on timely MCH data and related policy issues. In the interest of facilitating the application of information presented during DataSpeak audioconferences, the MCH IRC encourages state and local Departments of Health and other groups to organize DataSpeak participants to listen to and discuss the programs. The following questions are suggested to facilitate discussion regarding the Healthy People (HP) 2000/2010 maternal and infant objectives.

Suggested Discussion Questions

- How is HP used in state and local planning?
- What type of HP resources are available to help the development of state and local health objectives?
- How does our state's progress on the various HP 2000 objectives compare to that of the nation? (If applicable: How does our county's progress compare to the state's progress, and that of the nation?)
- For what objectives is it most difficult to obtain data that can be used in a meaningful way to assess progress? What innovative indicators, approaches, and strategies have been identified and used to deal with this?
- When HP targets are not met at the state and local level, what type of efforts or interventions are initiated to meet these targets?
- What has our state done to market the concept of HP objectives and their use as goals to mobilize action and support to work on the issues?
- What are the MCH objectives most relevant to our state/community? What types of strategies have been effective in addressing these objectives? Which have been less effective? How might we strengthen our efforts toward addressing these goals?
- How effective has our state/community been at developing educational campaigns and other approaches for improving health status that are tailored to the diverse racial and ethnic groups represented among our citizens? What additional efforts might be undertaken to address the national HP 2010 goal of eliminating health disparities among different racial and ethnic groups?