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Heart of Ohio Family Health Receives Telehealth Funding for CenteringPregnancy® Program

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFHC) received the 2020 COVID-19 Telehealth Enablement Fund of \$5,000 from Centering Healthcare Institute to provide appropriate telehealth options for pregnant mothers who are in the CenteringPregnancy® program.

CenteringPregnancy® is group prenatal care that brings 8-10 women due around the same time together for education and to share common experiences of their pregnancy. The grant will be used to support prenatal telehealth options, including having virtual group care, for pregnant mothers.

Dr. Buhari Mohammed, Chief Executive Officer at HOFHC said, “We are committed to our pregnant mothers, and we are finding innovative ways to take care of them during this public health emergency. We will do all we can to continue providing them with evidence-based group care in a new telehealth format which has proven to reduce infant mortality in our community.”

The importance of continuing group prenatal sessions online is to help build a deeper connection between mothers while giving them important prenatal information. The health center will also send out blood pressure cuffs and scales for mothers to self-assess and report online as needed.

“We will learn from these nuances, adopt, improve and keep providing the care and support our pregnant moms deserve, especially during this difficult time,” Dr. Mohammed said.

Along with providing online prenatal care, HOFHC staff and community health workers are committed to helping patients every step of the way. Not only by having virtual meetings, but also providing free diapers, access to cribs and baby boxes and helping patients overcome barriers to healthcare such as transportation or food insecurity.

To learn more about CenteringPregnancy® at Heart of Ohio Family Health, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dP8LI9GoL4U&t=>.

To learn more about Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers, visit www.heartofohiofamilyhealth.org.



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About Heart of Ohio Family Health

Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFHC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health care provider committed to serving all groups, ethnicities, and communities in Central Ohio since 2003. Operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we offer services in primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, substance use disorder, OBGYN, diagnostic laboratory, pharmacy, dietetics & nutrition, and interpretation.

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