

# CoIIN Confusion?? Get Clear Here!

**WHAT IS A COIIN?** Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Networks are technology-enabled teams that tackle a common problem.

	INFANT MORTALITY COIIN	HEALTHY START COIIN	HOME VISITING COIIN
<b>Sponsor</b>	HRSA, MCHB, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services	HRSA, MCHB, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, Healthy Start Program	HRSA, MCHB, Division of Home Visiting and Early Childhood Systems
<b>Goal</b>	To employ quality improvement, innovation and collaborative learning to reduce infant mortality and improve birth outcomes.  (State level improvement and innovation)	To strengthen Healthy Start (HS) services and systems, by promoting implementation of standardized evidence-based approaches to core elements of the HS program. (Program level improvement and innovation)	To achieve breakthrough improvements in select measures, including benchmarks mandated for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, while reducing or maintaining program costs. (Program level improvement and innovation)
<b>Participants</b>	Each US state and territory has an IM-CoIIN comprised of federal, state and local leaders, public and private agencies, professionals and communities	20 Healthy Start grantees (18 Level 3 grantees, 1 Level 2 grantee and 1 Level 1 grantee)	12 MIECHV state and tribal grantees and 32 local home visiting agencies
<b>Current Areas of Focus</b>	6 strategy areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve safe sleep practices</li> <li>• Reduce smoking before, during and after pregnancy</li> <li>• Pre/Interconception care</li> <li>• Social determinants of health</li> <li>• Prevention of preterm and early term births</li> <li>• Risk-appropriate perinatal care</li> </ul> States select 3 strategy areas from this list.	3 initial priorities for standardization (2015-2017): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portfolio of risk screening tools</li> <li>• Data collection and tracking</li> <li>• Case management and care coordination</li> </ul>	3 topic areas for improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developmental screening and access to services</li> <li>• Initiation and duration of breastfeeding</li> <li>• Alleviation of maternal depression</li> </ul> 1 topic area for innovation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family engagement</li> </ul>
<b>Duration</b>	Sept 2013-Sept 2016	5-year grant cycle, 2014-2019	18-24 month learning cycle within 2013-2016 timeframe
<b>For more information:</b>	<a href="http://www.nichq.org/childrens-health/infant-health/coiin-to-reduce-infant-mortality">www.nichq.org/childrens-health/infant-health/coiin-to-reduce-infant-mortality</a>	<a href="http://www.healthystartepic.org">www.healthystartepic.org</a>	<a href="http://hv-coiin.edc.org/">http://hv-coiin.edc.org/</a>

While the three CoIINs are separate, non-overlapping initiatives, a common aim of all of them is to share lessons learned for improving MCH practice with MCHB grantees and other stakeholders concerned with improving birth outcomes and reducing disparities in perinatal health.

