

MCCN-Nonprofit Community Clinic

# The Black Infant Health Program

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The "Welcome Baby" Program is located at 14547 Titus Street, Suite 118, Panorama City, (818) 781-8120. This Welcome Baby program is funded by a grant to Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Visit the website at <http://www.valleypres.org/Our-Services/Maternity-Services/Welcome-Baby-Program.aspx>

## Welcome Baby!

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BIH staff members **Roxanne Wilson** (far right), Coordinator of Client Services and **Chanelle Grandison** (far left), Outreach Specialist visited the offices of the El Nido Welcome Baby Program. BIH is always interested in working with community partners to insure that our Moms benefit from all the services that are available to them.

Welcome Baby is a First 5 LA funded program and provides eligible L.A. county pregnant women and new moms with information and support to help them through the journey of pregnancy and early parenthood. It is a free and voluntary program that can offer: an in-hospital visit after delivery; a personal parent coach; an in-home visit by a nurse; information and support on breastfeeding, and other topics; and referrals for resources. These services are available for the baby's first nine (9) months. For more information you can visit the First 5 LA website at:

<http://www.first5la.org/index.php?r=site/article&id=3086>



Roxanne shared BIH program information with the Welcome Baby staff at El Nido Family Source Center to make certain that we can work together to serve all moms in the San Fernando Valley that can benefit from the services that are available.

The MCCN-BIH program in the SFV has been offering services to African American mothers and families since 2002. African American infant mortality rates are 2 to 3 times higher than other populations. BIH provides a wide variety of services, resources and referrals for our clients. BIH moms are enrolled in the program until the baby is 18 months old. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about BIH, please give us a call at (818) 830-6373. The office is open Monday-Thursdays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The office is closed on Friday.



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Several hospitals in the San Fernando Valley have received grants through First 5 LA to implement Welcome Baby Programs including: Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Northridge Hospital and Providence Holy Cross Hospital. Valley Presbyterian Hospital has partnered with El Nido to administer the program. You can visit the hospital websites for more information on their respective Welcome Baby Programs.



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