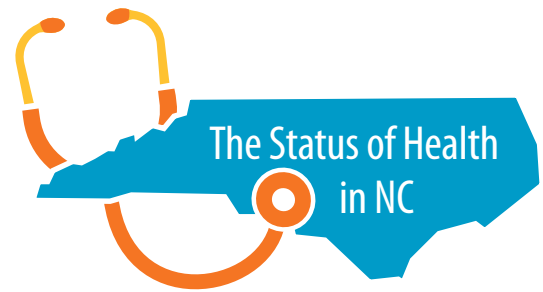
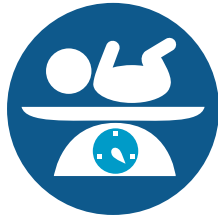


Healthy babies and healthy mothers help North Carolina thrive



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?



Nearly 1 in 10 babies born in NC weighs less than 5.5 pounds, a number that has not improved since 2008.



Every year 902 infants die in NC, on average.



NC ranks near the bottom in infant death rates (2018).



1 in 5 women of reproductive age in NC is uninsured (2018).

SOURCES: Kids Count Data Center, 2008-2016; NC State Center for Health Statistics, 2008-2016; America's Health Rankings, 2018; NC Child, 2018

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS IN NC?

North Carolina's lack of commitment to **closing the health insurance coverage gap** lessens the ability of women and children to be healthy across their lifespans. State funding for maternal and infant health comes through public health dollars, discretionary grants, and Medicaid dollars.



Since 2011, state funding towards the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, one of the programs dedicated to supporting the health of women and children and addressing health equity, has **decreased by 13.6%**.

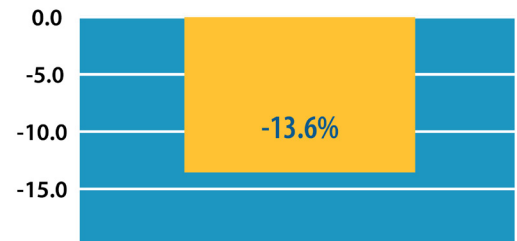


In 2016, Medicaid covered **more than half** of all births in NC.



Infants and children make up 25% of Medicaid recipients but receive **only 9.6%** of Medicaid service dollars (2017).

Change in maternal and child health block grant state funding since 2011



SOURCE: NCDHHS, 2011-17

WHY TREATMENT MATTERS



- ✓ **Public investments that support early and consistent care across the life span can improve the health and wellbeing of all mothers and babies.**
- ✓ **Entire communities benefit when families have the support and services they need to prosper.**
- ✓ **When babies grow up healthy, they face fewer barriers to success.**
- ✓ **Children have a greater capacity to learn when they are healthy.**