

Takiyah, a mother of two, benefited from Moms2B programs with her third baby.

“This was the first time I had this kind of support,” she says. “They checked up on me. I felt supported the whole time - it’s an awesome experience.” Takiyah also praised the community ~~the group~~ creates. “It’s a safe space. You can ask whatever questions you have.”

Moms2B offers ~~weekly meetings at four sites in Columbus, as well as an online program~~. Mothers receive a hot meal, diapers and a grocery card at each session. Childcare is offered. Nurses with experience in labor, delivery and postpartum issues attend the sessions to offer assistance and answer questions.

“These women need people they can trust. We focus on a lot of teaching, a lot of support,” says Dr. Gabbe.

Moms stay in the program throughout their pregnancies and through their infants’ first years. At the final meeting, Mom and baby get a celebratory ~~clap-out~~.

“The main goal is fighting infant mortality. The goal is to raise a happy, healthy baby and make sure mom is happy and healthy, too,” ~~Tabitha Hootman, Moms2B’s director, says~~.

~~To help educate expectant fathers on pregnancy, labor, delivery and childcare, Dads2B was founded in 2016.~~

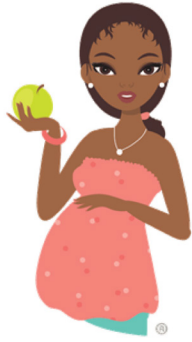
Investments in infant and early childhood quality of life are not only compassionate, but they also make financial sense, with a four-to-nine-fold return on each dollar.

Moms2B’s services are always in need. ~~Their goals include expanding both Moms2B and Dads2B to more sites and building attendance.~~

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