September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month

Infant Mortality & Health Equity

- Black infants in Hillsborough County are more than three times more likely to die during their first year of life when compared to white infants.

- In 2017, the infant death rate in Hillsborough County was 6.5 deaths per 1,000 live births. That translates to:
  - Black = 13
  - White = 4.2
  - Hispanic = 6.2

Factors Associated with Infant Mortality—Cause Specific Death Rates

- Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant deaths.

- Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome (SUIDS) remains a major concern.