



# Black Family Development, Inc.

Hosts

## Mayors' Task Force for the Well-Being of Children and Families 13th Annual Community Leadership Breakfast

"Achieving a Healthy Delivery/Reducing Infant Mortality" was the focus of the 13th Annual Mayors' Task Force for the Well-Being of Children and Families Community Leadership Breakfast held on April 26, 2018 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. "As we celebrate our 13th Annual Leadership Breakfast, we are also pleased to celebrate the Second Annual Detroit Day of the Young Child on April 27, 2018. The theme of this breakfast combined with the celebration of the Day of the Young Child brings awareness to the importance of ensuring that all children have access to high quality, accessible resources and opportunities to support their early development", states Alice G. Thompson, CEO, Black Family Development, Inc. and Chair of the Mayors' Task Force for the Well-Being of Children and Families.



Keynote speakers Dr. Sonia S. Hassan, Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun, with Alice G. Thompson.

Presenters, Dr. Hassan, Associate Dean, Wayne State University School of Medicine; and Dr. Khaldun, Director, City of Detroit Health Department, provided both national and local data that calls attention to the need for specific strategies to ensure families achieve a healthy delivery, and have the resources to sustain and maintain healthy lives.

Dr. Hassan presented the effective strategies on "Make your Date" which ensures a healthy delivery and Dr. Khaldun presented "Sister-Friends", which support families during pregnancy and the first year of a child's life. Both approaches are designed to reduce infant mortality.



Mayors' Task Force members: Harvey Watts, Vice Chair; Tahira Khalid; Lacea Zavala, Secretary; with Alice G. Thompson, Chair; Wendy Lawlah; LaQuisha Brown; Karen Hall and Yolanda Hill-Ashford.

Sponsors of the event included, Black Family Development, Detroit Health Department, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Wayne State University, Impact Detroit, The Guidance Center, Bridgeway, Detroit Area Agency on Aging, Detroit Parent Network, SisterFriends Detroit and Wayne Center. For more information on "Make Your Date" go to <https://makeyourdate.org>; and for more information on "SisterFriends" go to <https://sisterfriendsdetroit.com>



Dr. Hassan addresses questions from the participants.



Dr. Khaldun responds to questions from the participants.



Camarrah Morgan; Kathleen Alessandro and Alice G. Thompson.



Taylor Thompson; Alice G. Thompson; Margo Smith; and Tanya Traylor Black Family Development, Inc. staff.



Black Family Development, Inc. staff with Alice G. Thompson, CEO.