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New Mothers in Immokalee Get Treated to a Community Baby Shower

Immokalee, FL, April 22, 2016 – 42 New mothers in Immokalee were treated to a community baby shower on Wednesday April 20th. Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Florida State University College of Medicine, and Molina HealthCare partnered together to host the fun and educational event to support new mothers in our community.

The special day included gifts, games, food and door prizes along with educational presentations and information on community resources. This was truly a special occasion for many of these mothers as it may be the only baby shower they have.

Educational presentations were provided by: Florida State University College of Medicine, Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Golisano Children's Hospital, Molina Healthcare, Staywell, and the Shelter for Abused Women and Children.

Investing in programs such as educational baby showers helps promote a healthy start in life for young children. This is important because a healthy start lasts a lifetime! Babies who are born healthy are more likely to be ready for school, succeed in school, less likely to end up in the juvenile justice system, and more likely to become healthy and productive adults.

Of course, events like this could not happen without the support of community sponsors. Special thanks to Pacific Tomato Growers, Lipman Family farms, Florida State University College of Medicine, Molina Health Care, Healthy Start of Southwest Florida, and HealthCare Network of Southwest Florida for making this special event possible!

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About Healthy Start:

The infant mortality rate in Southwest Florida (Collier, Hendry, and Lee Counties) has decreased 47% since the program began in 1992. Last year, Healthy Start served more than 14,000 pregnant women, babies and young children who were at higher risk for poor health outcomes. More than 95 cents of every dollar received went to services in our local community. For more info, please go to www.HealthyStartBaby.org