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Pregnant women may be missing out on valuable services and the Maternal and Infant Support Services program in the Public Health department is determined to change that. “We continue to have low birth weight infants born in our County”, reports Sue Gialanella, Program Administrator for Washtenaw County’s MSS/ISS program. Washtenaw County Public Health has offered a program that provides services to pregnant women and mothers with infants for decades. “We know that there are more women and children in our County that could benefit from the services we offer. For instance, we offer professional home visits provided by our nurses, social workers and nutritionists. We also understand that many women are in need of community resources and help in getting to their doctors appointments and we offer help in arranging transportation to doctor and WIC appointments. We can also assist with referrals for emergency needs like food and clothing. We are focused on services that will create a positive birth outcome.”

Gialanella adds that any pregnant woman or baby under 1 year old who is enrolled in Medicaid, Healthy Kids, or MOMs, a program for women that do not qualify for Medicaid, is likely to qualify for the MSS/ISS Program. If you or someone you know has a need for these services, please call the Public Health Access department at (734) 544-3050. You may also ask your doctor for a referral, or just drop in at the Public Health department located at 555 Towner in Ypsilanti and ask for the Maternal and Infant Support Services program.