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While supplies last, we are giving away 100 text4baby tear pads for free to each partner who completes a brief survey about their experience with the text4baby program. We would love to get your feedback on ways we can improve our technical assistance, new materials needed for your outreach efforts, and testimonials from your clients. Please share your thoughts!

_Arlene Remick, MPH_
National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition

Welcome New Partners!

This week, we welcome the following new outreach partners: A Better Childbirth Program (Tampa, FL), United Way of Madison County (Anderson, IN), United Way of Connecticut (CT), Wesley Medical Center LLC dba Wesley Medical Center (Wichita, KS), California Physicians’ Service dba Blue Shield of California (CA), City of Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support (Minneapolis, MN), EmblemHealth Services Company, LLC (NY), Molina Healthcare, Inc. (National). For a complete list of partners, visit [http://text4baby.ning.com/notes/partners](http://text4baby.ning.com/notes/partners).
We now have 54,016 text4baby enrollees, with 95% of enrollees reporting that they would recommend the service to a friend.

View total number of subscribers in each state enrolled in text4baby. View subscriber breakdown by pregnancy status and language.

**Partner Spotlight**

The Supplemental Food Programs Division at the US Department of Agriculture sent a mailing promoting text4baby to all of their Regional, State and Local WIC Offices. They enclosed four, 8 x 10 inch sample text4baby posters and encouraged their offices to order additional text4baby materials, including posters and tear-pads, printed by USDA. WIC offices can find an order form at http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Learning_Center/mailing/text4babyform.pdf. Thanks to USDA!

**Upcoming Event: Starting Obesity Prevention in Infancy by**
Addressing Myths about Baby Behavior

HMHB invites its colleagues in Maternal and Child Health to join a webinar with a nationally recognized researcher.

Sometimes mothers feel that their breast milk is not enough for their child, or they start solid foods early because the baby "just sleeps better with cereal." Focus group data from UC Davis' studies of California WIC participants confirm that infants' crying and waking are primary triggers for inappropriate infant feeding behaviors. These behaviors can increase risk for excessive weight gain, subsequent childhood obesity, and diabetes.

*Jane Heinig, PhD, IBCLC, Executive Director of the UC Davis Human Lactation Center* will be discussing how to be better prepared to respond to mothers' concerns and to promote positive interactions between caregivers and infants.

**When:** Monday, July 12th, 12:00-1:00 PM EST


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**mHealth Highlight**

*mhealth and maternal and newborn mortality*

A [Mobile Health Watch](https://www.mobilehealthwatch.org) blog describes the five main points that maternal and child health programs must achieve in order to create the most effective programs to reduce maternal and newborn mortality across the world. The article also links to other women’s issues, such as human trafficking and infectious diseases, that, along with maternal and child health issues, are being addressed with mobile technology. [Read More.](https://www.mobilehealthwatch.org)

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Visit [www.text4baby.org](http://www.text4baby.org) for more information about the campaign. For more on maternal and child health, visit the [National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition](http://www.healthybabies.org).

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*About text4baby*

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Defense Military Health System. The mobile health platform is provided by Voxiva and free messaging services are generously provided by participating wireless service providers. Implementation partners include BabyCenter, Danya International, Syniverse Technologies, Keynote Systems and The George Washington University. MTV Networks is a media sponsor.

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