



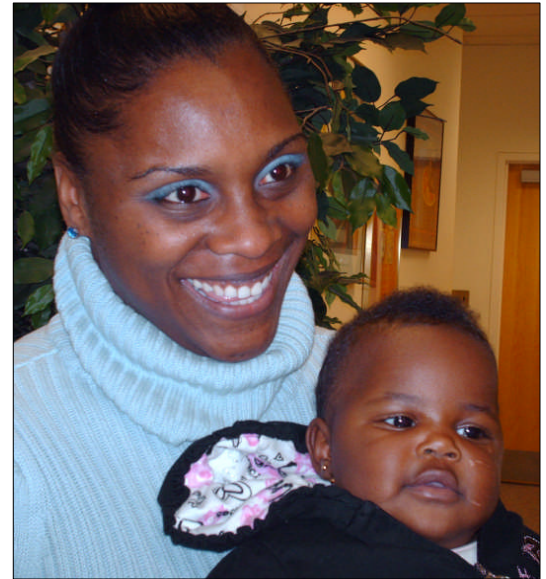
## Forsyth County Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition News

### 2010 Spring Luncheon Success Story



The 2010 Spring Luncheon Keynote speaker was Alvina Long-Valentin (pictured above with Coalition Director and Vice-Chair) from the Women's Health Branch at NC Division of Public Health. Ms. Long-Valentin directs the NC Preconception Health Leadership Team and shared her expertise and knowledge about state and national Preconception Health Initiatives.

On May 6, 2010 at First Christian Church, Forsyth County Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition, a working group of the Healthy Community Coalition, held its 2010 Spring Luncheon. Attendees included Coalition members and community partners. Representatives included individuals from health-care, government, media, community agencies, public health and academic institutions.



Candis and Baby Deztini Life Journey

#### Celebrate Success !

Ms. Candis Boykins is a local mom who lost several infants before having Baby Deztini. Her health care provider recommended she try 17P, a progesterone medication that can reduce prematurity up to 30% in some women. Ms. Boykins bravely shared her story of infant loss and the happiness that Baby Deztini Life Journey has brought into her life. Candis spoke about the difference 17P made in her life. See the 2009 Forsyth County Infant Mortality Report for the full story at [www.HelpOurBabies.org](http://www.HelpOurBabies.org)



Members of the Coalition (above) helped raise awareness about high infant mortality in Forsyth County by standing with 61 teddy bears. Each teddy bear represented a baby lost during 2008. Robert Parker, Coalition Chair, helped the audience understand that 61 babies would have filled two kindergarten classrooms.

