305 Oakland women given prenatal care

One out of every eight infant deaths can be prevented by early and comprehensive prenatal care, according to the Children's Defenese Fund, and Oakland County is helping women get the proper health care early in their pregnancies.

Oakland County is performing this task through its Frental-Postpar The Oakland County Health Division and the Oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working ituman Service Agency are working ituman Service Agency are working the oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working the oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working the oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working of the oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working the oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working the oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working of the oakland Livingston ituman Service Agency are working the oakland Livingston ituman Service A

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The Southfield Extension Center of Wayne State University will offer brochure are available from WSU at a range of four-week courses in its Personal Computing Center this summer. The WSU building is at Among the courses are Introduction to Personal Computers, Intro-

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visits increase, infant deaths un-crease,
"Since our clients are eligible for four prenatal medient visits and one postpartum visit, we believe that participation in our program signifi-cantly increases the potential for a woman having a successful pregnan-cy and delivering a healthy newborn," he added.

THE PPC Program is available to pregnant women in Oakland County who have no third-party insurance covering prenatal-postpartum care or who have maternity insurance with a large deductible. For a family

causes pregnant women to delay going for prenalal care.

Getting prenalal care carly lowers health risks to women and their their bables at delivery.

"We've learned that many of our PPC cellents wouldn't receive any prenatal care if they weren't in our program," said Thomas Gordon, acting manager of the county health division.

"We have data on infant death rates which proves that as prenatal visits increase, infant deaths decrease.

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Seminole and W. Huron, Pontiac.

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"Pregnant women enrolled in the PPC Program go regularly to the clinics for checkups throughout their pregnancy and go back for a post-

partum checkup after delivery,"
added Yaney.

"The postpartum visit is just as
important as the others. It gets them
back to a doctor for a health assessment and for a discussion about family planning," added Yaney.

To find out more about the PPC
Program, call Lori Shaefer, program coordinator, at 586-5133.

Pregnant women also are enrolled in the PPC Program when they go
directly to one of the three hospitals
for outpatient prenatal care.

"If the hospitals financial clerk
sees that a woman can't pay for her
prenatal care, then she can enroll
her in Galkand County's PPC Program," she explained.

THE NATIONAL infant mortality rate is 10.6 deaths per 1,000 live births, in Michigan that rate is 11.7.

Although the overall infant mortality rate in Oakland County is 10.1, the communities mentioned above have the following rates: Clarkston Village, 23.6; Groveland Township, 23.8; Pontlac, 18.7; Rochester, 17.0; Hazel Park, 14.8; and Bloomfield Township, 14.1

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Of the 60 Oakland County communities listed in the 1980 census, 22 have infant death rates above the national and/or state levels.
These statistics are a three-year average for the years 1982-84. They are compiled from the MDPH Office of Vital and Health Statisties by the Infant Health Promotion Program.

THE PPC PROGRAM is conducted by counties throughout Michigan. It was funded in 1985 by the Michigan Legislature.

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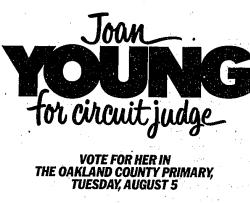
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