



U.S. Senator
Mary L. Landrieu
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**Landrieu Announces \$3.5M Investment in Health Services for
Pregnant Women in Baton Rouge**

WASHINGTON -- United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., today announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded a \$3.5 million grant to Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge. This investment will support disadvantaged pregnant women and offer services to improve prenatal health care in an attempt to reduce infant mortality rates in the Baton Rouge area. Louisiana is ranked 49th out of 50 states for its infant mortality rate.

"This funding fills a critical need in Baton Rouge," Senator Landrieu said. "Healthy Start is exactly the type of community-based prevention program that will save lives and millions of dollars in future health care costs. Vibrant Family Road programs are a win for expecting mothers and for American taxpayers."

Karla Sayer Wilburn, Program Manager of Family Road Healthy Start, stated: "Senator Landrieu has been a true champion for our program. She is committed to our mission of ensuring that low-income and disadvantaged pregnant women receive the health care that they need. This federal funding will allow our program to continue providing community-based services to improve the health of mothers and babies."

Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services for families, including prenatal clinics, counseling programs and parenting classes. Family Road has over 108 non-profit, public, private, and government agencies that have committed to provide services at their facility in Baton Rouge.