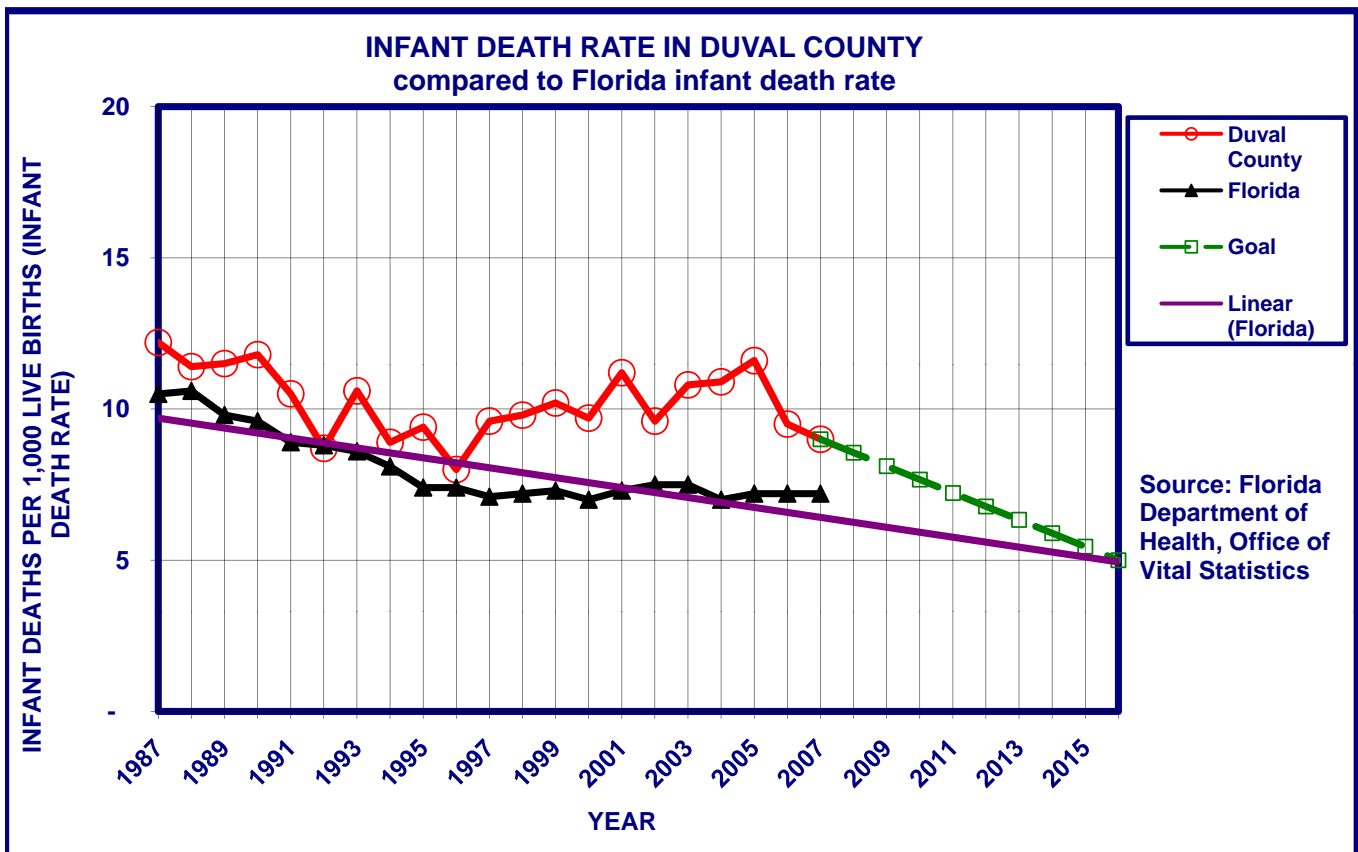


8. Health Care

a. Reduce Duval County's infant death rate to the Florida rate by 2016.

Infant mortality rates are computed based on the number of babies who die before reaching their first birthday compared to the number of live births. In 2006, that rate was 9.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. In 2007, the infant death rate dropped for Duval County, although it still remains above the Florida and U.S. national rates. Racial disparities in infant death rates persist.



Infant Death Rate:

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Duval County	9.8	10.2	9.7	11.2	9.6	10.8	10.9	11.6	9.5	9.0
Florida	7.2	7.3	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2

Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics