

THE WORKFORCE THAT TOUCHES MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

THE ROLE OF RURAL FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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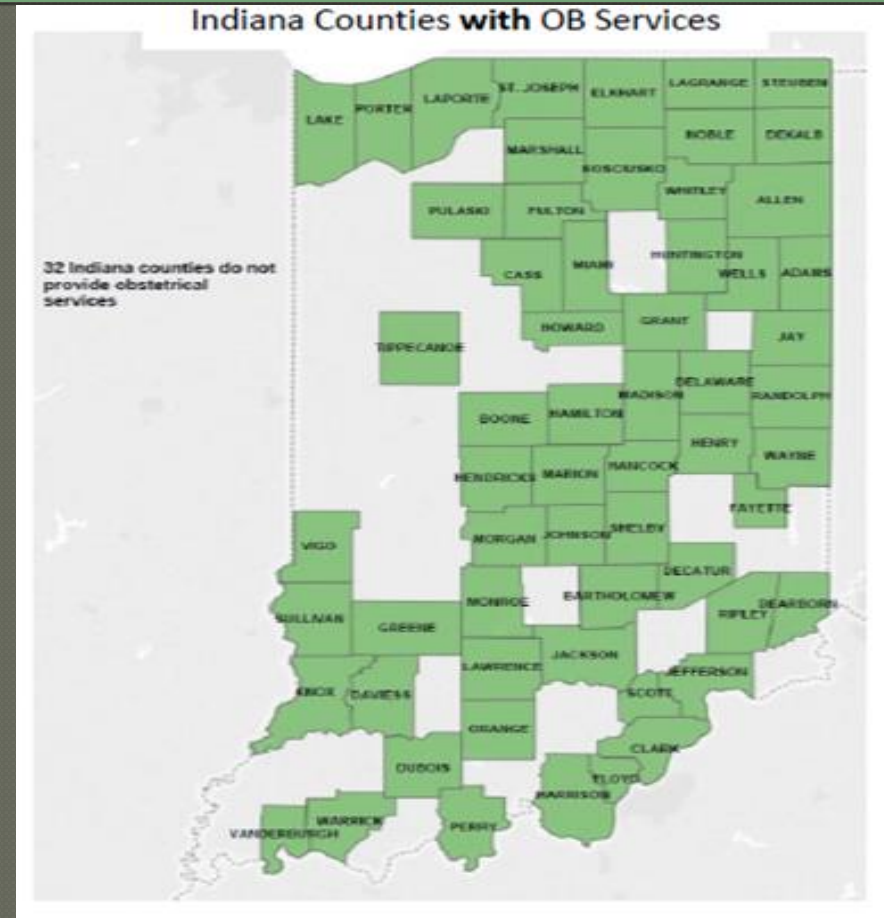
Maternal and Child Health

Personal professional experience

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The Scope

- Good prenatal care
 - identify medical risks
 - early referral
- Identify social risks
 - smoking
 - illicit drug use
- Healthy babies
 - Low infant mortality



Source Indiana Hospital Association

Provider Workforce that “Touches”

1. Training (exposure)

- ‘Comfortable’ by end of training to do OB

2. Incentive (motivation)

- Work-life balance
- Why take the risk?

3. Practice environment

1. Back up & collaboration with higher level
2. Malpractice coverage versus volume

Journey

- Med school & internship in Kenya
 - GPs trained in OB/emergency for rural
 - Incentive – sponsorship to residency

- Residency
 - Rural track
 - Plenty of exposure to OB
 - Newborn care, including NICU

Residency

- Rural track



First Job

- ◉ Group of hospital employed family MDs
 - Group did not do OB
 - High cost malpractice insurance
 - Share call with OBGYN group?

- ◉ Newborn and pediatric care
 - Good referral system

Faculty Physician, UH Residency

- ◉ More diverse practice choice in FM
- ◉ 'Community' program, 7 residents/class
- ◉ Broad hands on 'traditional' FM; OB, NICU.
- ◉ Our statistics: 1/6 practice OB
- ◉ 4/14 of current 2nd & 3rd years will do OB
- ◉ 3/4 from IUSOM, Terre Haute campus

- ◉ A 2017 graduate joined FM OB providers

Our Residency Clinic

- ◉ FQHC; interdisciplinary team on site
 - Social workers, home visits
 - Behavioral health, addiction care
 - 'Baby and Me Tobacco Free' program
- ◉ Lugar Center - RHIC Simulation Center
- ◉ Collaboration with local OBGYNs
 - AAFP 'family centered maternity care'

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- Training, incentive, practice environment
 - Rural/OB track – med sch. thro residency
 - Help with educational loan

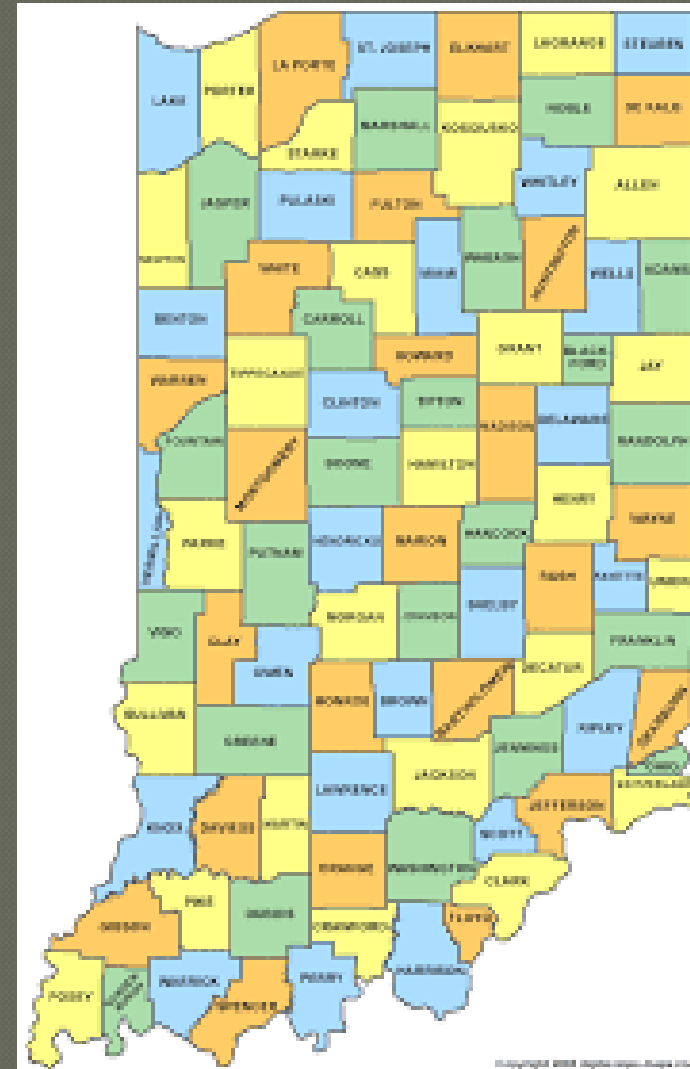
- Consortium of rural OB providers
- Incentive to OBGYN that back up PCPs
- Increased volume to balance malpractice cost

Provider Workforce that “Touches”

- Job satisfaction
- Low infant mortality rate



- *Thank you!*



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