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**5K WALK/RUN ON JUNE 18 AIMS TO SUPPORT BLACK INFANT HEALTH
PROGRAM, RAISE AWARENESS OF INFANT MORTALITY**

SACRAMENTO – The nonprofit group Correctional Workers Who Care is sponsoring a 5K walk/run in support of the Black Infant Health Program, a service of the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health. The event takes place from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at William Land Park.

The event is part of Sacramento's 10th Annual Juneteenth parade and festival. Entrance fee for registration received by June 10 is \$15 and includes a T-shirt, bag, and a medal. Race-day registration will be \$20.

The Black Infant Health Program aims to reduce infant mortality in the African-American community by providing resources and support to low-income African-American women who are pregnant or are parenting children under three months of age. The rate of infant death is two and a half times higher among African-Americans than it is for other racial and ethnic minorities.

To register go to <http://www.cwwc.info/Events.html> or call Sharon Saffold, Black Infant Health program coordinator, at 916-875-6158 or via email at saffolds@saccounty.net.

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