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At this month’s CPD Brown Bag, Mark Innocenti, Co-Coordinator of the National Children’s Study in Cache County, lead the discussion, updating CPD staff about the current status of the Cache Valley Study, which was launched November, 2010.

The University of Utah is contracted by the National Children’s Study to implement the Study in Utah; one of the seven original sites. USU is subcontracted by the U of U to implement the NCS in Cache Valley. The CV Study is one of 37 vanguard sites across the nation. Mark and Co-Coordinator Vonda Jump hired 28 new staff to begin the Recruitment Phase in Cache Valley. Extensive renovation of the facility that houses the Study here at USU was required to make the research site secure and to ensure confidentiality of the data collected.

The pilot enrollment for Cache Valley- started in December 2010- just ended on March 1st of this year. Since March 2011, nearly 27,000 surveys were mailed to Cache households to about half of the potentially eligible women in Cache Valley. The response has been phenomenal, with approximately 800 women signing up who met the requirements of being pregnant or just having had a baby. That number represents 10% of the entire number participating in the nation at the present time!

During this initial phase, nearly 350 Cache Valley NCS-enrolled babies have been born. It looks like the CV Study staff have their work cut out for them for the next 21 years!

You can read more about the National Children’s Study and the impact it will have on improving the health of children for years to come in an upcoming Featured Story on the CPD web site.