

**IGNITING IMPACT TOGETHER:  
NURTURING COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS  
JUNE 10-11, 2024**

MOM AND BABY ACTION NETWORK  
NATIONAL SUMMIT BRIEF

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to acknowledge the Indigenous history of the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago, which is situated on land that has long been a center for native peoples. This area is the traditional homelands of the [Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations, collectively forming the Council of Three Fires](#). Several other Indigenous communities share a connection to this region and each other, including [the Myaamia, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac and Fox, Peoria, Kaskaskia, Wea, Kickapoo, and Mascouten](#).

We honor the significant contributions of [Kitihawa of the Potawatomi](#) in fostering the community that has grown into the city of Chicago. We recognize and respect the enduring relationship that exists between indigenous peoples and their traditional territories.

We would like to thank the many local Chicago leaders, planning committee, March of Dimes staff, partners, and volunteers who helped plan and implement this year's M-BAN Summit.

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March of Dimes (MOD) convened the Mom and Baby Action Network (M-BAN) Summit (the Summit): Igniting Impact Together: Nurturing Collaborative Solutions, from June 9-10, 2024 in Chicago, IL at the Marriot Marquis. The national Summit was designed to convene birth equity champions, community partners, philanthropists, and advocates to learn, celebrate, be inspired, and act to advance health equity in maternal and infant health. Attendees worked collaboratively to identify solutions to address and improve systems that exacerbate inequities in maternal and infant health (MIH) outcomes and how these solutions could lead to more equitable outcomes.

Table 1 displays the Summit attendees, which included 308 in-person community and peer partner organizations, over 120 philanthropic representatives joining the Birth Equity Funders Summit, which was held in conjunction with the M-BAN Summit, and more than 110 speakers, poster presenters, workshop facilitators and moderators.

Of the Summit participants who completed the evaluation survey, 21% had also attended the 2022 M-BAN Summit, with more than 70% of participants joining us for the first time at the 2024 Summit. M-BAN was proud to support more than 50 community members to join and share their valuable lived experience and perspectives, further enriching the peer-to-peer learning experience that unfolded at the Summit.

Table 1. 2024 M-BAN Summit Attendees	
<b>Attendees</b>	308
<b>Philanthropic Representatives/Birth Equity Funders Summit Attendees</b>	120+
<b>Speakers, Poster Presenters, Workshop Facilitators and Moderators</b>	110+

This brief provides an overview of the Summit’s highlights and content based on the five strategies in the [National Equity Framework](#), and key takeaways from strategic workshop discussions and feedback from attendees. The Summit included 46 concurrent sessions and 3 skills-based workshops with over 50 presentations, networking opportunities, a live podcast recording, abundant nourishment and refreshments, and a networking reception featuring a film screening and live Q&A with the director. A complete list of summit presentations and presenters can be found in the Appendix.

March of Dimes is grateful for the generous funding support and thought partnership from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Reproductive Health, CVS Health Foundation and CareSource, which made the Summit possible. March of Dimes would also like to thank and acknowledge the additional funding partners that helped alleviate the cost of participation for M-BAN Summit participants. These partners included: Sanofi, Sage Therapeutics, Pfizer, Wildflower, Count the Kicks, Ba Nia, Family Connects Chicago, Irth App, and The Mourning Project. Finally, March of Dimes was pleased to co-host the [Birth Equity Funders Summit](#) held June 11 and 12th following the M-BAN Summit.

# BACKGROUND

In 2016, March of Dimes (MOD) launched its Prematurity Collaborative to engage a broad cross section of national experts to address persistent and widening racial disparities in preterm birth by achieving equity and demonstrated improvements in preterm birth. The Mom and Baby Action Network (M-BAN) evolved from the Prematurity Collaborative to continue the work of advancing the implementation of policies, strategies, and services to improve equity and outcomes for maternal and infant health. M-BAN is a national action-oriented coalition of cross-sector partners leading broad changes in policy, research, funding, and systems to address inequities in maternal and infant health. March of Dimes serves as the backbone organization for M-BAN, providing technical assistance, guidance, training, tools, resources, and communication platforms to effectively connect partners and accelerate collective action.

M-BAN aims to mobilize partners at the national and community level to improve the health of families to ensure that “All people are healthy before, during, and after pregnancy, and if they give birth, they have healthy outcomes.”

This work is guided by the five strategies in the [National Equity Framework](#) (explore the [NEF Guide here](#)):

- Dismantling racism and addressing unequal treatment through transforming the systems and policies that exacerbate health disparities for moms and babies.
- Increasing access to high quality healthcare by improving gaps in access to care for moms, babies, and families.
- Promoting environmental justice by addressing toxic exposures and climate change threats to create a healthy tomorrow for families.
- Advancing economic opportunity through disrupting lifelong economic insecurity and growing economic mobility to improve the health of moms, babies, and families.
- Building safe and connected communities by addressing facets of community life and support systems that impact the health of families.

# BACKGROUND

In 2022, we hosted our first in-person event as the Mom and Baby Action Network; a hybrid National Summit in Atlanta, Georgia where 308 people gathered in-person and 149 virtual attendees joined us online to share, network and learn around the theme: Birthing Equitable Communities. These five strategies were the foundation of the Summit, and helped guide key discussions, strategize insightful solutions, and map out next steps to advancing maternal and infant health equity nationally.

Building on the momentum from our past events as well as the engagement and growth of our membership in the years between, the 2024 Summit was the natural progression of M-BAN's efforts to convene key stakeholders in the field. This summit brief highlights the meaningful presentations, working sessions, networking opportunities, strategies, and action that took place at the Summit that will contribute to accelerating investments and aligning resources, partners, and efforts needed to improve equitable health outcomes for moms and babies.



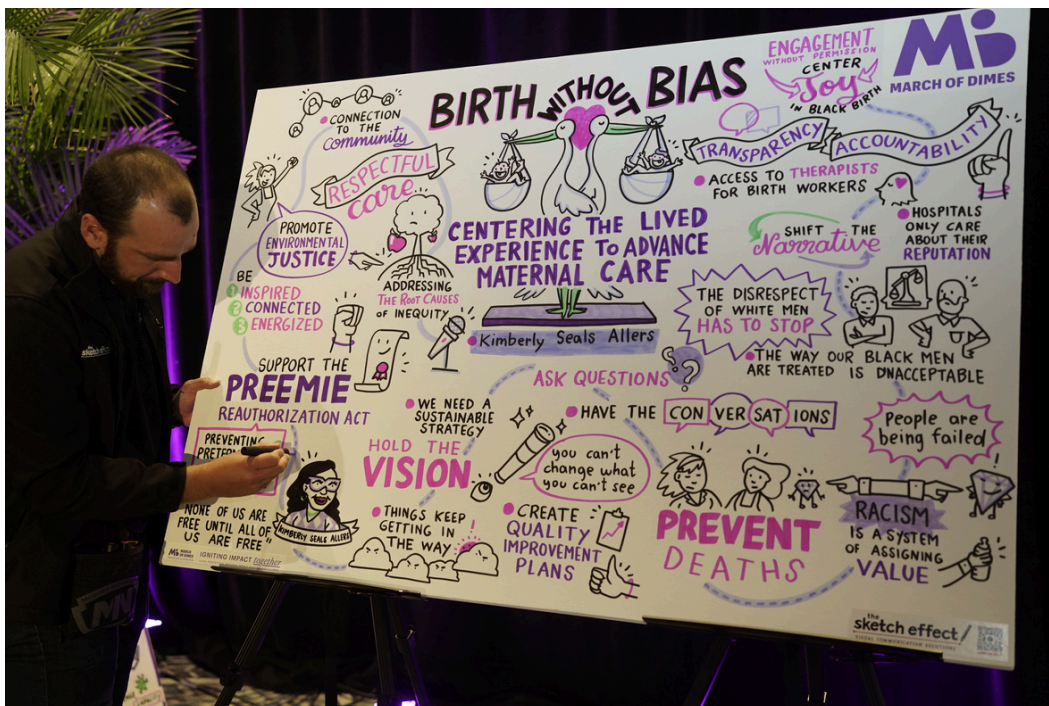
**"The MBAN Summit allowed me to expand my network and enhance my knowledge about the spectrum of maternal health. Both are valued resources in this work."**

# SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

The M-BAN Summit offered maternal and child health stakeholders a chance to learn from keynote speakers, panels, community initiatives, and volunteer efforts. Experts and leaders shared their work to advance equity in maternal and infant health (MIH) in the U.S., focusing on collaborative, proven strategies from the National Equity Framework. Insights from the Summit highlighted the importance of working in collaboration, addressing social drivers of health, and continuous education to positively impact equitable maternal health outcomes.

The event saw increased engagement on March of Dimes social media, interaction with M-BAN's tools and resources, and a rise in M-BAN memberships.

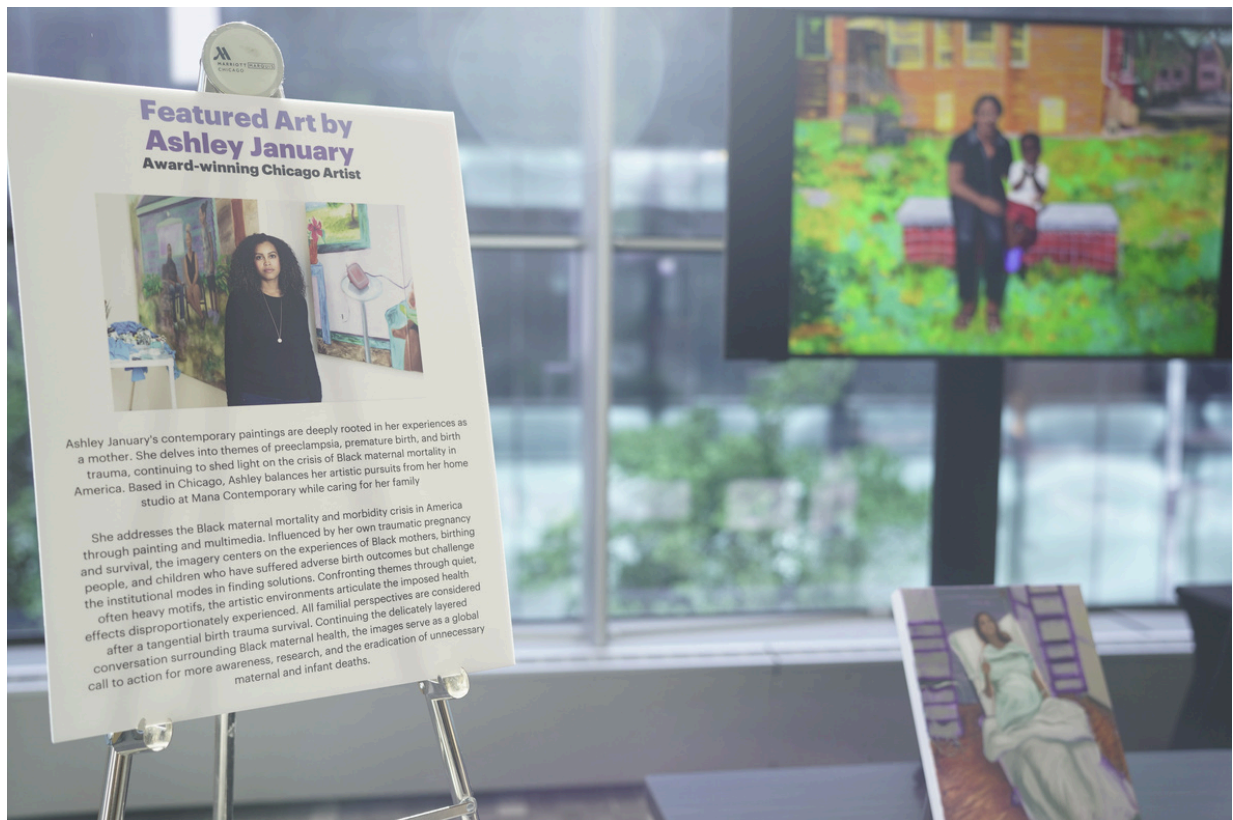
- From June 10-17, there were a total of 7 posts published across Instagram, LinkedIn and X (Twitter) to recap the 2024 Mom and Baby Action Summit, resulting in 6,848 impressions, 988 engagements, and an impressive engagement rate by reach (ERR) of 14.43% led by two LinkedIn posts that garnered an average 21.49% ERR.
- From June 10-17, #IgnitingImpactTogether hashtag was used 19 times across Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter), and the #MBANSummit hashtag was used 10 times across Instagram and X (Twitter).
- The [NEF Guide](#) was downloaded 47 times.
- The Igniting Impact Together website traffic included 653 views from 339 users.
- Our Low Dose Aspring campaign QR code was scanned 25 times.



# SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

## The program included the following highlights:

- A graphic sketch artist provided live drawings of selected sessions, adding a creative touch to the Summit. The Sketch Effect's graphic sketch artist attended four sessions including the opening plenary, Healthy Chicago; Green Cars for Kids: Tackling the Maternal Health Crisis & Climate Crisis; Following the Mother's Lead: Improving Maternal Health through Access, Capacity and Education and our keynote address by Kimberly Seals Allers: Birth Without Bias; Centering Lived Experience to Advance Maternal Care.
- We hosted an interactive art experience by Ashley January, whose artwork, live videos, and staff were set up in the main event lobby throughout the entire function, creating an immersive and moving experience for participants.
- A live podcast experience was hosted by Kimberly Seals Allers, founder of the Irth App and creator of the Birthright podcast. Dedicated to sharing stories of black birthing joys, Seals Allers invited a Chicago mother onto the stage to share her experience navigating the maternal healthcare world, and ultimately finding a trusted care provider who helped her have a positive birth experience and a healthy baby.





# SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

- Live screening of Aftershock and Q&A with director Tonya Lewis Lee. Beginning with an evening networking reception with refreshments, participants watched the powerful documentary that sheds light on tragic and preventable losses of two women during their birthing experiences. We were fortunate that Lewis Lee, the film's director and producer, as well as March of Dimes trustee and maternal health advocate, was able to join us on stage for a live Q&A. Participants were able to share their thoughts, experiences, and ask questions that grounded the powerful evening in hope.
- Breakfast networking and poster presentations. On the final morning of the Summit, poster presentations were set up in the dining room and participants had several hours to network, view posters, speak with poster presenters, and share learnings and ideas. With over 16 posters, participants were exposed to a wide variety of innovative solutions in maternal and infant health and started the day with fresh energy and enthusiasm.
- Closing keynote address featuring Kimberly Seals Allers presenting Birth Without Bias: Centering Lived Experience to Advance Maternal Care. The closing session, drawing upon findings from Allers' Birthright podcast, left participants feeling empowered and ready to tackle challenges such as improving healthcare access and building supportive communities, reflecting the Summit's focus on solutions, inspiration, and shared learning.

**“We communed, conspired, consoled.**

**We were elevated by our peers and the innovative work they are all doing.**

**As a team we are inspired to challenge ourselves in new ways and in community with the incredible folks in the MBAN network.”**



# EVENT CONTENT OVERVIEW

The M-BAN Summit was guided by the five strategies outlined in the National Equity Framework. Presentations and discussion groups concentrated on how current work in maternal and infant health (MIH) intersects with each of these strategies and how collaborative efforts are integral to advancing MIH equity. Topics addressed during the Summit spanned the framework's five strategies, exploring approaches for maternal and child health practitioners, legislative and policy improvements, and enhanced financial and community support. The Summit also integrated cross-cutting themes, emphasizing key concepts and practices that can expedite progress toward achieving equity in maternal and infant health. For instance, the opening session, Healthy Chicago, featured a panel of key stakeholders from Chicago, discussing collaborative solutions that are being advanced locally and across the state of Illinois for MIH equity.



Moderated by our MBAN NAC Co-Chair Sue Kendig, the panel included midwife Star August from the Black Midwifery Collective, Arden Handler, Professor at the UIC School of Public Health, Tayo Mbande from the Chicago Birthworks Collective, and Elizabeth Gonzalez from EverThrive IL.

The M-BAN Summit worked with community and peer partner organizations to identify aligned ways to continue to combat the systematic issues within the maternal and child healthcare systems to accelerate equitable improvements to quality of and access to healthcare and resources for all women. From empowering Labor and Delivery nurses to address obstetric violence, to scaling up the Safer Childbirth Cities Initiative, collaborative solutions to collective challenges were highlighted through concurrent sessions, workshops and poster presentations. Presenters highlighted innovative ideas around building programs to train college students as doulas, growing the black midwifery workforce, activating dads to support maternal and infant health, revitalizing indigenous birth workers, and fostering doulas as environmental justice agents.

# EVENT CONTENT OVERVIEW

The packed agenda included a workshop on self-measured blood pressure programs, the co-creation of a birth equity action map and strategies for applying to and accessing funding opportunities for community-based organizations to reach sustainability. There were also sessions devoted to intersections of the Network’s strategies including discussion of using green cars for kids to fight climate change while helping people access healthcare, supporting birthing families during emergencies, leveraging community wisdom to shift power dynamics in data collection, and collaborations for equitable Medicaid benefits.

Slides from individual sessions as well as posters are linked in the agenda found in the Appendix where possible. In addition, the M-BAN supported the planning and execution of the Birth Equity Funder’s Summit, a related event for philanthropists that took place at the same venue immediately following the M-BAN National Summit.



**“I plan to follow-up on the conversations and ideas shared during the summit as well as connecting with the amazing people I had the pleasure of meeting in person. Thanks for giving us a space to learn, ideate and become more inspired about the work being done!”**

# PARTICIPANT INSIGHTS

The M-BAN Summit collected participants’ insights throughout the course of the Summit to gather feedback and information pertaining to key topics discussed. A post-Summit survey was disseminated to all 308 participants resulting in a response rate of 24% (75 responses).

**Table 2. Post-Summit Survey Feedback**  
N = 75

Post-Summit Survey Response Feedback	Participants’ Response Rate
<b>Summit experience rating (Very Satisfied or Satisfied):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-event communication</li> <li>• Registration experience</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Duration</li> <li>• Meals</li> </ul>	<p>80%</p> <p>91%</p> <p>92%</p> <p>94%</p> <p>87%</p>
<b>Overall summit experience was Excellent or Very Good</b>	92%
<b>Summit participants rated featured speakers as Excellent or Very Good</b>	84%
<b>Summit participants rated workshops and sessions as Excellent or Very Good</b>	80%
<b>Summit participants that rated the networking opportunities as Excellent or Very Good</b>	76%

Based on overall feedback, Summit participants were inspired by the 2024 M-BAN Summit and felt attending was a worthwhile experience.



# ACTION COMMITMENTS



Participants were asked to commit to taking action following the Summit. Here is a selection of relevant resulting action commitments:

- Attendees plan to connect and collaborate on future work with new connections they made with individuals and organizations during the Summit.
- Attendees plan to enhance/increase access to group prenatal care.
- Attendees plan to replicate/amplify projects they learned about at the Summit – one example is a desire to replicate the work of The State of Black Arizona in their own state.
- Attendees made a commitment to share knowledge gained during the summit with their colleagues and local partners.
- Attendees made a commitment to join MBAN, and continue to advance the collective work and best practices in their own organizations and local landscape.
- Attendees made a commitment to advocate for policies that support MIH equity and data equity.
- There was a collective commitment to improve connections and convene cross-sector partners at the local, state and national level.

# EVALUATION DATA

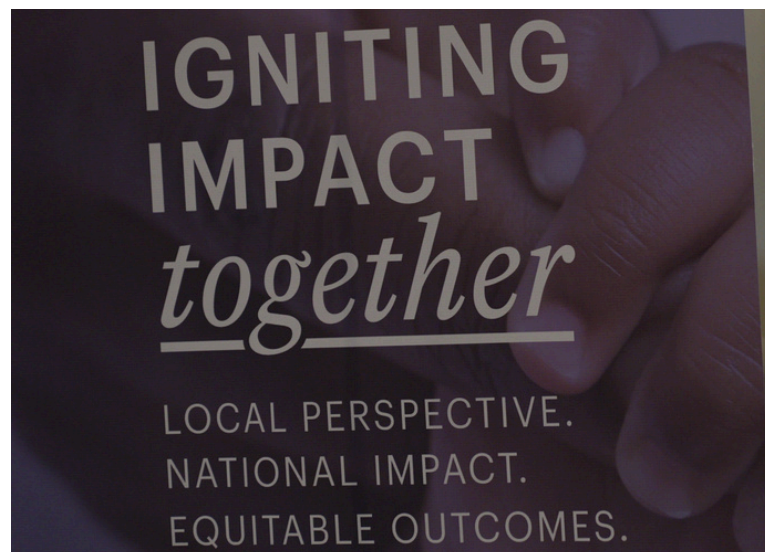
As part of the M-BAN Summit's conclusion, participants were invited to participate in a live Mentimeter poll to assess participants' thoughts on next steps and ways they could bring action directly to their communities. Participants stated they were most equipped to act on 1) Increasing Access to Quality Healthcare, and 2) Building Safe and Connected Communities, followed by 3) Dismantling Racism and Addressing Unequal Treatment.

Participants felt they were most prepared to work on these strategies because they had access to the following resources, tools, information, and partnerships:

- Local collaboratives and coalitions
- Toolkits
- Examples from states implementing solutions
- Organizational mission and goals aligned with strategy
- Connections and influence
- Current skills and capacity align
- Community and stakeholder interest and buy-in

Conversely, participants felt least equipped to act on 1) Promoting Environmental Justice and 2) Economic Opportunity. The reasons shared include:

- Lack of funding
- Lack of education on the intersection of these topics and maternal and infant health equity
- Lack of political will
- Systemic barriers feel too big
- Lack of organizational support or buy-in, not aligned with mission/goals
- Lack of training and resources
- Need additional data





# APPENDIX

## Day 1: Monday, June 10, 2024

7am-2pm	Registration		Foyer
7-8:30am	Breakfast		Great Lakes EFG
8:30-10:30am	Welcome Message	Kelly Ernst - March of Dimes	Great Lakes ABC
	<a href="#">Healthy Chicago: Collaborative Solutions to Advance MIH Equity</a>	Moderator: Sue Kendig - NPWH and M-BAN NAC Arden Handler - UIC School of Public Health Tayo Mbande - Chicago Birthworks Collective Star August - Black Midwifery Collective Elizabeth Gonzalez - EverThrive IL	
10:30-11:00 am	Coffee Break		Foyer
<b>Concurrent Session Block A</b>			
11:00am-12:00pm	<a href="#">Labor and Delivery Nurses as Active Bystanders in Obstetric Violence: Next Steps</a>	Mandy Irby - The Birth Nurse® Cristen Pascucci - Birth Monopoly Paula Rojas Landivar - Independent Scholar Maggie Runyon - Your BIRTH Partners Stephanie Tillman - Feminist Midwife, LLC	Shedd A
	<a href="#">March of Dimes Supportive Pregnancy Care : The Benefits of Group Prenatal Care and Community Collaboration</a>	Amy Johnson-Rubio - March of Dimes Frances L. Harris - Riverside Medical Group Kelli MacAdam - Riverside Medical Group James A. Scott - Riverside Partners in Womens Health	Shedd B
	<a href="#">Green Cars for Kids: Tackling the Maternal Health Crisis and the Climate Crisis</a>	Catherine Toms - Green Cars for Kids Bryanna McDaniel - March of Dimes Feona Monroe - Healthy Start, Broward Healthpoint Jared Jacobs - Freebee	Architecture
	<a href="#">Roadmap to Advance Economic Opportunity for Maternal and Infant Health Equity</a>	Megan Smith - Connecticut Hospital Association Kenn Harris - NICHQ Susan Mende - Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Joanne Goldblum - National Diaper Bank Network David Radcliffe - New School Institute on Race, Power, and the Political Economy,	Calculus
	Leveraging Community Wisdom: Shifting Data Collection Methodologies to Build Power	Zainab Sulaiman - OhLeSe	Water Tower AB
	<a href="#">Strategies for Doula Care Team Integration: DoulaREADI</a>	Shonvá Millien - HealthConnect One Rebecca Lesperance - HealthConnect One	Anthropology
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch		Greatlakes EFG
<b>Concurrent Session Block B</b>			
1:15-1:45pm	<a href="#">What Indigenous Women Want from Pregnancy Care</a>	Shannon Maloney - UNMC Mona Zuffante - Winnebago Public Health Department	Shedd A
	<a href="#">Collaborating for an Equitable Medicaid Benefit for New York State Doulas</a>	Michelle Zambrano - Health Leads	Shedd B
	Encuentro: Lessons from a multi-sector intersectional approach towards environmental and reproductive justice	Genesis Grenados - Air Alliance Houston Chloe Nguyen - Tecolotl	Architecture
	<a href="#">Diaper insecurity negatively impacts caregiver mental health</a>	Joanne Goldblum - National Diaper Bank Network	Calculus
	<a href="#">The Perinatal Mental Health Education &amp; Screening Project: Charting a Path toward Universal Screening</a>	Aminat Balogun - Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance	Water Tower AB
	<a href="#">Nowhere to go: An overview of measures of maternity care access and distance to care - Part 1</a>	Ashley Stoneburner - March of Dimes Ripley Lucas - March of Dimes Jazmin Fontenot - March of Dimes	Anthropology



1:45-2:00pm	Coffee Break		Foyer
<b>Concurrent Block C</b>			
2:00-2:30pm	<u>Staff and Provider Perceptions of Racial Equity in Healthcare: Hospital-Based Survey Insights</u>	Molly Grinstead - March of Dimes Beth McGovern - March of Dimes	Shedd A
	<u>Expanding Equitable Access to Doula Care within a Shared Learning Community</u>	Michelle Zambrano - Health Leads Kenda Sutton-El - Birth In Color	Shedd B
	<u>Together, Prepared: How to better support pregnant and postpartum families during emergencies</u>	Malaika Ludman - Birthmark Doula Collective Tyra Gross - Xavier University of Louisiana Alexis Woods Barr - University of North Carolina	Architecture
	<u>The Women's Fund Gender Equity Index: Examining Access to Maternal Health in Miami-Dade</u>	Viviana Alvarado Pacheco - The Women's Fund Miami-Dade	Calculus
	<u>The Role of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives in Addressing the Opioid Crisis</u>	Emily Bronson - CDC Ann Borders - Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative	Water Tower AB
	<u>Nowhere to go: Disparities in birth outcomes in Maternity Care Deserts - Part 2</u>	Ashley Stoneburner - March of Dimes Ripley Lucas - March of Dimes Jazmine Fontenot - March of Dimes	Anthropology
2:30-2:45pm	Coffee Break		Foyer
2:45-3:45pm	Birthright Podcast LIVE	Kimberly Seals Allers - Irth App, Birthright	Great Lakes ABC
<b>Concurrent Workshops &amp; Sessions</b>			
4:00-5:30pm	<u>Workshop: Insights to Action: Co-creating a Comprehensive Birth Equity Action Map</u>	Kristen Hassmiller Lich - UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Sharita R. Thomas - UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health	Shedd A
	<u>Workshop: Self-Measured Blood Pressure to Improve Maternal Health Equity</u>	Laney Poye - Preeclampsia Foundation Alicia Lee - March of Dimes Tianca Gilliard - Civic Heart Community Services Sarosh Rana - The University of Chicago Medicine	Shedd B
	<u>The Development of a Health and Racial Equity in Maternal Care Pilot Course to Address Maternal Health Outcomes</u>	Nakeitra Burse - Six Dimensions Asia Rush - Six Dimensions Jasmine Martin - Six Dimensions	Architecture
	<u>Taking Care: Doulas as Environmental Justice Agents for a Sustainable World</u>	Skye Wheeler - Human Rights Watch Zainab Jah - RH Impact Aver Yakubu - Nurturely	Calculus
	<u>The Case for Funding: Sustainable Strategies for Social Change Organizations</u>	Betsy McNamara - Funders for Birth Justice and Equity Aza Nedhari - Mamatoto Viillage, Inc	Water Tower AB
	Nurturing Collaboration to Ignite System Change in Rural Perinatal Care	Sue Kendig - NPWH and M-BAN NAC Barb Gleason - Bootheel Perinatal Network Rebecca Burger - Bootheel Perinatal Network Sara Pierce - Bootheel Babies and Families Terry Plain - Missouri Foundation for Health Shahla DeLeon - Learning for Action	Anthropology
5:30-6:00pm	Break		
6:00-8:30pm	Reception and Screening Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appetizers</li> <li>Cash Bar</li> </ul>	Aftershock Screening Live Q&A w/ Tonya Lewis Lee	Great Lakes EFG

**Day 2 Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

7am-2pm	Registration	Foyer
8:00-10:00am	Poster and Exhibitor Networking	Continental Breakfast
10:00-10:15am	Break	Foyer

**Concurrent Session Block D**

10:15-10:45am	<a href="#"><u>NJ Maternal Feedback Survey Project: Developing Collaborative Solutions Utilizing an Advisory Group</u></a>	Cathy Butler-Witt - S NJ Perinatal Cooperative Kerry J. Millen - Family Health Initiatives	Shedd A
	<a href="#"><u>Sovereignty from first breath : a story of revitalizing Indigenous birthwork in our community</u></a>	Helena Benozadleyo Jacobs - Alaska Native Birthworkers Community	Shedd B
	<a href="#"><u>Mental Health and Birth Outcomes in Women Post-Hurricane Harvey</u></a>	Jacquita N. Johnson - Texas A&M University	Architecture
	<a href="#"><u>Spreading Joy : Philly Joy Bank</u></a>	Nia Coaxum - Philadelphia Department of Public Health	Calculus
	<a href="#"><u>A Community-Driven Approach to Addressing Disparities in Maternal Health</u></a>	Jessica Mack - March of Dimes Molly Grinstead - March of Dimes	Water Tower AB
<b>10:15am-12:15pm</b>	<b><a href="#"><u>Workshop: Spiritual Assessment Tool for Doulas</u></a></b>	<b>Sabia Wade - The Black Doula, Inc &amp; For the Village</b>	<b>Anthropology</b>
10:45-11:00am	Coffee Break	Foyer	

**Concurrent Session Block E**

11:00-11:30am	<a href="#"><u>Centering Black Women in Systems Change: Co-creating Mama Certified - a Maternal Equity Certification for Birthing Hospitals</u></a>	Meredith Smith - Cradle Cincinnati	Shedd A
	<a href="#"><u>DEPTH - Doula Expansion Program Throughout Houston</u></a>	Alicia Lee - March of Dimes Sanyika Williams - Sanyika the Doula, LLC	Shedd B
	<a href="#"><u>Activating Dads as Community Educators in Safe Infant Sleep and Breastfeeding</u></a>	Alison Jacobson - First Candle	Architecture
	<a href="#"><u>Investing in Black-led Community Based Black Maternal Health Organization in Philadelphia</u></a>	Nia Coaxum - Philadelphia Department of Public Health Porsche Holland-Otunba - Reclaim Black Motherhood	Calculus
	<a href="#"><u>Advancing Health Equity through Respectful Maternity Care and Stillbirth Prevention: A Call to Action for Health Systems</u></a>	Christine Tucker - Healthy Birth Day, Inc. Jacquie Easley-McGhee - MercyOne	Water Tower AB
11:30-11:45am	Coffee Break	Foyer	

**Concurrent Session Block F**

11:45am-12:15pm	<a href="#"><u>Black Birthing Futures: Black Midwives—Protagonists Who Make Black Community Birthing Possible</u></a>	Kaytura Felix - Johns Hopkins University	Shedd A
	<a href="#"><u>What does it mean to be NOURISHED? : Implementing a full-spectrum community doula program for college</u></a>	Kanika Harris - Black Women's Health Imperative	Shedd B
	<a href="#"><u>The Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Community Care Initiative (AIM CCI) Assessment of Collective Impact in Action</u></a>	Valerie Newsome Garcia - National Healthy Start Association	Architecture
	<a href="#"><u>Doulas in the Deep South and their Perceived Roles in Clinical Settings</u></a>	Lilanta Bradley - University of Alabama	Calculus
	<a href="#"><u>ILPQC Birth Equity Initiative: implementing actionable birth equity and respectful care strategies in a statewide quality improvement effort</u></a>	Aleena Surenian - Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative Ann Borders - Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative Patricia Lee King - Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative	Water Tower AB

12:15-1:30pm	Lunch		Great Lakes EFG
12:15-2:30pm	<b>INVITE ONLY: MCDR Roundtable</b>	<b>Lunch Provided</b>	<b>Astronomy</b>
	<b>INVITE ONLY: MOD Doula Project - TEAP and ALC</b>	<b>Lunch Provided</b>	<b>Biology</b>
<b>Concurrent Session Block G</b>			
1:30-2:30pm	<u>Following the Mother's Lead: Improving Maternal Health through Access, Capacity &amp; Education</u>	Erica Thompson - Magnolia Medical Foundation Nakeitra Burse - Six Dimensions LeJeune Johnson - Therapy Plus, LLC Kashuna Watts - Magnolia Medical Foundation	Water Tower AB
	How to Center Maternal & Child Health When Promoting Healthy Homes & Healthy Cities	Kelly Hilyard - City of Middleton Amanda Reddy - National Center for Healthy Housing Inyang Uwak - Air Alliance Houston Desmar Walkes - City of Austin: Austin Public Health	Shedd B
	<u>Climate Change as a Determinant of Birth Inequities: Collaborating to Amplify Solutions</u>	Marie A. Cabiya - Advocate Aurora Health/IL Clinicians for Climate Action Viviana Alvarado Pacheco - The Women's Fund Miami-Dade Michelle D. Hoersch - HHS, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health - Region 5	Architecture
	<u>Listening to Community-Based Organizations For Greater Sustainability — Learning From The Safer Childbirth Cities Initiative Grantees</u>	Brittany Lewis - AMCHP Andria Cornell - AMCHP	Calculus
2:30-3:00pm	Coffee Break		Foyer
3:00-4:30pm	Closing Remarks and Keynote Address	Kelly Ernst - March of Dimes Sue Kendig - NPWH and MBAN NAC Co-Chair  Keynote: Kimberly Seals Allers - Irth App and Birthright Podcast	Great Lakes ABC



# POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster Title	Presenter(s)
Addressing Perinatal PTSD: The Survivor Moms' Companion	Mickey Sperlich - University at Buffalo School of Social Work
Engaging families in Primary Care through a Multimodal Dyadic Care Program	Shadia Jallaq - Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center
Back To Sleep: A Nurse Led Initiative to Decrease SUIDS	Carey Acosta - Homestead Hospital
Reducing Perinatal Disparities in Montgomery County, Maryland	Angeline Bell - Montgomery County HHS BABIES BORN HEALTHY (BBH) Program Whitney Dula - Montgomery County HHS BABIES BORN HEALTHY (BBH) Program
Preconception Health 101	Monique Katsuki - Cleveland Clinic Bettina Hahn-Lawson - The Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center
An Analysis of the California Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act	Kayla Blair - Keck School of Medicine, Black Women for Wellness Los Angeles
Maternal Healthcare Access in Chicago: Disparities, Determinants, and a New Evaluation Metric	Michaela Krogen - Sinai Urban Health Institute Taylor Johnson - American Medical Association Meghan Kwiatkowski - American Medical Association
Innovation to improve maternal health equity and outcomes: Cross-cutting initiatives from an organization prioritizing the health of women and girls across the globe	Vanessa Perez Patel - Organon & Co.
Black Birthing Futures: Black Midwives—Protagonists Who Make Black Community Birthing Possible	Kaytura Felix - Johns Hopkins University
Strategies for Reducing Black Infant Mortality: A Dual-Level Approach	Chelsea Samms - I Know Newborns, LLC
Maternal Experiences of Interpersonal Discrimination is Associated with Negative Perinatal Health Outcomes in Virginian Women	Hongyun "Tracy" Fu - Eastern Virginia Medical School Danielle Long - Eastern Virginia Medical School
Navigating the Black Mothers and Obstetrician OB-patient Relationship	Carmen Deleon Dyson - Western Michigan University
Using a Picture Book to Induce Breastfeeding Culture Change in Black Communities	Amaka Nnamani - Lasting Impressions LLC
Perinatal Nurse Education Program Evaluation: Trauma-Informed Care and Secondary Traumatic Stress	Mandy Irby - The Birth Nurse® Paula Rojas Landivar - Independent Scholar
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