

# Maine State Maternal Health Innovations (SMHI) Grant



## Maine Maternal Health Task Force (MHTF)

A deliverable of the HRSA-funded State Maternal Health Innovation (SMHI) and Data Capacity Program, a \$5 million, 5-year grant to improve maternal health equitably, awarded to the Maine CDC (MECDC) in September 2022.

Convened June 2023.

Comprised of state officials, clinical, public health, and community members, and people with lived experiences from across Maine.

Instrumental in developing and implementing Maine's Maternal Health Strategic Plan (MHSP), a living document that will evolve as needed over the course of the grant.

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<b>Vision</b>	Every pregnant person in Maine <i>thrives</i> before, during, and after pregnancy, for a just and healthy Maine.
<b>Mission</b>	To eliminate inequities while improving pregnancy and birth experiences and outcomes for <i>all</i> Mainers.
<b>Values</b>	<p>Accurate, timely, and equitable data collection, analysis, and communication.</p> <p>Authentic engagement, partnership, and power-sharing with people and communities most impacted by adverse pregnancy experiences and outcomes.</p> <p>Diversity of experiences, thoughts, and opinions.</p> <p>Strengths-based, positive approach to change.</p>

# Maternal Health Strategic Plan

## Short-Term (Yr 2 of Grant) and Ongoing Strategies



### Data Enhancements

- Data dashboard created by Maine CDC epidemiologists to report a variety of perinatal health outcomes.
- Partnered with the ME Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) to enhance identification of potential pregnancy associated deaths to 1 yr after end of pregnancy, and autopsy criteria to include MVA and OD deaths.
- Providing data collection support and quarterly stipends for Maine hospitals participating in the AIM Severe Hypertension Safety Bundle.
- Worked with Vital Records to fund the fetal death record online module to enhance timeliness and accuracy of fetal death certificates.

# Short Term and Ongoing Strategies, cont.

## Access, Equity/SDOH, and Quality of Care Enhancements

- **Sponsoring 12 Basic Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO) trainings to enhance emergency response to the management of normal labor and birth as well as obstetric emergencies across Maine and especially in rural areas where there is a lack of access to hospital-based labor and delivery services.**
- **Providing every Maine Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency with a neonatal transport device (KangooFix) that allows evidence-based kangaroo care and the safe transport of birthing person and newborn together, to address the increase in prehospital transports of newborns in Maine.**
- **Sponsoring free Respectful, Equitable, and Supportive Care (RESCare) Perinatal Learning Modules on Trauma-Informed and Trauma-Responsive Care, Mitigating Compassion Fatigue, and Preventing and Healing Obstetric and Birth Trauma.**
- **Sponsoring Mommas Voices Lived Experience Integration (LEI) and Patient Family Partner (PFP) Trainings to increase the authentic engagement of people with lived experiences on perinatal projects across Maine.**



# Medium-Term (life of grant) Strategies

<b>POLICY Strategies</b>	<b>PROGRAMMATIC Strategies</b>
<b>Enhance the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) data representation of non-English speakers</b>	<b>Mommas Voices Lived Experience Integration (LEI) and Patient Family Partner (PFP) Implementation across PQC4ME projects</b>
<b>MaineCare eligibility for pregnant people, on par with 300% FPL eligibility of other programs</b>	<b>Support Greater Portland Health and B St Clinic Prenatal Care Projects</b>

# Long-Term (Transformational, “think 28 years”) Strategies

<b>POLICY Strategies</b>	<b>PROGRAMMATIC Strategies</b>
<b>Explore Universal Healthcare in Maine</b>	<b>Explore Mobile/Traveling perinatal care</b>
<b>Explore Universal Income for pregnant folks</b>	<b>Increase Access to Midwifery Care in all birth settings</b>
<b>Develop Just Transition Policy to ensure safe transitions of care</b>	<b>Incorporate Supportive Prenatal Care models across Maine (eg, Centering)</b>

# RESPECTFUL, EQUITABLE, & SUPPORTIVE CARE (RESCare)

## *Perinatal Learning Modules*



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- Trauma-Informed and Trauma-Responsive Care
- Mitigating Compassion Fatigue
- Preventing and Healing Obstetric and Birth Trauma
- Free CMEs



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