

PENNSYLVANIA BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CAUCUS



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BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK AT THE CAPITOL TOOLKIT

The health of mothers reflects the overall health of our society, and the state of maternal health in PA is dire. As such, the Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus is determined to make the entire commonwealth aware of this important week and the issues that must be addressed through strategic policy efforts. The work of the PBMHC could not be accomplished without the collective support of our community partners, stakeholders, legislators, and advocates.

About the Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus (PBMHC)

The PBMHC is a coalition of legislators and stakeholders working together to address issues related to Black maternal health in the commonwealth. This caucus is focused on developing and advancing policies that aim to improve maternal health outcomes for Black women, who experience disproportionately high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity compared to other racial and ethnic groups. The caucus strives to raise awareness about these disparities, advocate for legislation to address the root causes, and collaborate with stakeholders to implement solutions that promote equitable and holistic maternal health care for Black women.

Established in 2023, the PBMHC is a testament to the dedication of stakeholders and legislators to address the disturbing trends of Black maternal mortality and morbidity in our state. As the third state coalition of its kind in the nation, our mission is clear: to pass the Pennsylvania Momnibus, a legislative package modeled after the federal Momnibus legislation. By doing so, we aim to change the trajectory of maternal health outcomes in Pennsylvania for the better.

About Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) & Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW)

Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) was founded in 2018 by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) to promote awareness, advocacy, and action around the experience of Black birthing. Held annually from April 11th to 17th, BMHW intentionally takes place during National Minority Health Month and begins on April 11th to recognize the International Day for Maternal Health and Rights. This year, Thursday, April 11th, will also mark the official global launch of Black Doula Day.

This year's theme is "**Our Bodies STILL Belong to Us,**" to advocate for comprehensive public and private insurance coverage for maternal health care; greater access to care across geographies and birth settings; guidance to healthcare providers, institutions, insurance companies, and related entities on providing equitable, high-quality, patient-centered care; and funding research and programs that center on educating Black women and birthing people.

BMMA serves as an alliance of Black Women-led entities and multi-disciplinary professionals working to further birth justice and human rights. Together, BMMA partners recognize and support those who care for Black families and communities, whether they have given birth or not. To learn more about the work and impact of BMMA or BMHW, visit: <https://blackmamasmatter.org/>.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK AT THE CAPITOL

2024 will be the second year, but first as an official state caucus, that PA legislators, stakeholders, and community members gather in the Harrisburg Capitol to recognize Black Maternal Health Week. Each day of BMHW at the Capitol has been thoughtfully curated to address the unique needs and challenges of birthing in our Commonwealth.

To kick off the week, the PBMHC is excited to host a special reception and presentation in the Main Capitol Rotunda, on April 15th from 6pm to 8pm. Black Maternal Health Week Policy Day, on April 16th, will include a breakfast briefing, press conference, luncheon, and more! On Wednesday, April 17th, the PBMHC will be hosting a special, hybrid brunch and learn session titled “BMH in your Neighborhood” hosted by PBMHC Co-Chair, Rep. LaTasha D’ Mayes, D-Allegheny.

RSVP at [Black Maternal Health Week at the Capitol \(pahouse.com\)](https://www.pahouse.com/black-maternal-health-week-at-the-capitol) to secure your spot in the movement, today!

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK 2024 AT THE CAPITOL

Monday
APRIL 15TH
6pm - 8pm
Special Presentation & Reception

Tuesday
APRIL 16TH
9am - 4:00pm
Harrisburg Policy Day

- Breakfast Briefing
- Press Conference
- Luncheon
- & More!

Wednesday
APRIL 17TH
12pm - 1pm
Hybrid Brunch & Learn
BMH in Your Neighborhood

SCAN TO RSVP

OUR BODIES *Still* BELONG TO US

or visit www.pahouse.com/BMH/

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK 2024 AT THE CAPITOL

APRIL 15
Special Presentation & Reception
6 pm to 8 pm - Main Rotunda
Join the PBMHC for a special presentation and gathering to kick off #BMHW24 at the Capitol.
**Formal Attire

APRIL 16
#BMHW24 Harrisburg Policy Day

- 9 am - Breakfast Briefing (East Wing)
- 12 pm - Press Conference (Main Rotunda)
- 1 pm - Luncheon (Keystone PUC Room)
- 3 pm - Fireside Chat (Capitol Media Center)

APRIL 17
BMH in Your Neighborhood Brunch & Learn
12 pm to 1 pm - Hybrid
The PBMHC is proud to host a hybrid brunch and learn session to highlight community-based approaches to ending the BMH crisis and other important themes from #BMHW24

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or visit www.pahouse.com/BMH/

The PA Momnibus

HARRISBURG, March 19 – To address disparities in health care, co-chairs of the Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus [Reps. Morgan Cephas, D-Phila.](#); [Gina H. Curry, D-Delaware](#); and [La'Tasha D. Mayes, D-Allegheny](#), and caucus members introduced the Momnibus legislative package, which outlines a group of bills to decrease maternal morbidity and mortality in Pennsylvania.

The bills would:

- Require health-related boards within the Department of State to complete implicit bias training as part of continuing education requirements.
- Extend Medicaid coverage to doula services, as well as establish the Doula Advisory Board to set standards and requirements for doulas.
- Require health insurance to cover doula services.
- Require health insurance to cover blood pressure monitors for pregnant and postpartum enrollees.
- Expand Medicaid coverage of blood pressure monitors for pregnant and postpartum enrollees.
- Designate maternal health deserts to target investments in maternal healthcare services.
- Enhance access to mental health services for pregnant or postpartum patients.
- Establish a program to distribute essential resources to new mothers.

The co-chairs, as well as Reps. Lisa Borowski, D-Delaware, Elizabeth Fiedler, D-Phila., and Mandy Steele, D-Allegheny, modeled Pennsylvania's Momnibus legislation after federal bills introduced by U.S. [Rep. Lauren Underwood](#), D-Illinois, and U.S. [Sen. Cory Booker](#), D-New Jersey.

PA Momnibus ONE-PAGER: [PA Black Maternal Health Caucus | Legislation \(pahouse.com\)](#)

FEDERAL BMHC Momnibus ONE-PAGER: [Black Maternal Health Momnibus | Black Maternal Health Caucus \(house.gov\)](#)

Taking Action During & Beyond BMHW#24

In addition to raising awareness and support for the PA Momnibus, we encourage legislators and stakeholders of PBMHC to host community events and raise awareness of maternal health resources in their community. During BMHW and beyond, you can take and build upon the following actions to make an impact in your neighborhood:

- Notify your network about the annual observance of Black Maternal Health Week and why the issue is important to you.
- Announce your involvement with the PBMHC, why you joined, and encourage others to join the movement.
- Highlight an organization in your area doing work to improve maternal health.
- Share and attend maternal health events happening in your area, or across the commonwealth, or host your own! It's important to assess your community's needs, but many areas – urban, suburban, or rural – can benefit from events like community baby showers, pregnancy support groups, utility gift drives, education sessions, and more.
- Send a message to your elected official to encourage their involvement in PBMHC and co-sponsorship of the PA Momnibus.
- Review and share this toolkit to enable participation from stakeholders at all levels of the movement! Feedback is always appreciated, and necessary to develop the most impactful materials possible!

Key Black Maternal Health Facts

THE MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS IN THE USA & PENNSYLVANIA

- In 2021, the maternal mortality rate for non-Hispanic Black women was 69.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, 2.6 times the rate for non-Hispanic White women. (Source: [CDC](#))
- In the U.S., Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. CDC notes that more than 80% of pregnancy related deaths are preventable. (Source: [CDC](#))
- About 700 people die from pregnancy-related complications each year in the U.S. (Source: [CDC](#))
- In 2018, the pregnancy-related mortality ratio for the U.S. was 17.3 per 100,000 live births. (Source: [CDC](#))
- For each maternal death that has occurred nationally, nearly 100 people have experienced a severe health problem from being pregnant and/or giving birth. (Source: [US Commission on Civil Rights](#))
- Compared to White people, American Indian/Alaska Native and Black people are 2 to 3 times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause. (Source: [CDC](#))
- The maternal mortality rate for Pennsylvania from 2015-2019 was 10.9 per 100,000 live births. (Source: [PA Department of Health](#))

ACCESS & QUALITY OF CARE -----

- People from some racial and ethnic minority groups are more likely to be uninsured than non-Hispanic whites. (Source: [CDC](#))
- Research indicates that 22% of Black women receive lower quality of care than white women and are subject to discrimination in the healthcare field. (Source: [RSAP](#))
- Twenty percent of women reported experiences of mistreatment during maternity care in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). Thirty percent of Black, 29% of Hispanic, and 27% of multiracial women reported mistreatment. (Source: [CDC](#))
- In 2008, only 6.4% of obstetrician gynecologists practiced in rural settings. (Source: [ACOG](#))
- In 2019, the average uninsured percent for women (15-44 years) in Pennsylvania was 6.4%. 62.7% of PA counties have a higher percent of women without health insurance than the state average. ([March of Dimes](#))

MATERNAL HEALTH DESERTS -----

- More than 2.2 million U.S. women ages 15 to 44 live in maternity care deserts – meaning their county has no hospitals that provide obstetric care, birth centers, ob-gyns, or certified nurse-midwives” ([March of Dimes](#))
- According to the Maternity Care Deserts Report published by the March of Dimes, 7.6% of counties in Pennsylvania are maternity care deserts. A maternity care desert is any county in the United States without a hospital or birth center offering obstetric care and without any obstetric providers. (Source: [March of Dimes](#))
- In Pennsylvania, 24.2% of counties do not have full access to maternity care. 193,245 Pennsylvanians in need of maternity care live in these counties (Source: [PA Department of Health](#))
- March of Dimes has identified six PA Counties that are considered “Maternity Care Desserts”, and 13 more have “moderate access to care”. While Delaware County retains a “accessible status” we are combating the closure of our local hospitals that provide maternal health services, putting additional stress on families and the hospitals in nearby counties that are needed to support this crisis. ([March of Dimes, 2023](#))
- In Pennsylvania, 7.5% of counties are maternity care deserts. ([March of Dimes, 2023](#))
- In Pennsylvania, 17.9% of counties have low or moderate, not full, access. ([March of Dimes, 2023](#))

MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH -----

- Differences can be observed in how common depressive symptoms are right after giving birth. One study found that Black women were two times more likely to report suicidal ideation in the immediate postpartum period, in comparison to their White counterparts in the study. Identifying suicidal ideation through screening and supporting mothers and birthing people for suicidal ideation in the immediate postpartum period can potentially reduce maternal deaths. (Source: [Journal of Affective Disorders Reports](#))
- In the United States, 29–44% of Black women experience postpartum depressive symptoms (PDS), yet few are properly identified and/or connected to mental care services. (Source: [NIH](#))

PERINATAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT -----

- Research shows that Black perinatal providers are uniquely equipped to provide care that results in improved outcomes among Black women and birthing people. (Source: [Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences](#))
- A culturally diverse and congruent, well-trained workforce of Black perinatal health professionals is needed to improve Black maternal and child health nationwide. (Source: [National Library of Medicine](#))
- Perinatal community-based models of care offer enhanced care and support throughout the pre-pregnancy to postpartum spectrum, including doula and midwifery childbirth services to pregnant women who face barriers to care. (Source: [CAP](#))

PRETERM BIRTHS -----

- Preterm birth (delivery before 37 weeks and 0/7 days of gestation) is a leading cause of infant morbidity and mortality in the United States. Despite advances in medical care, racial and ethnic disparities associated with preterm birth persist. (Source: [CDC](#))
- In 2022, the rate of preterm birth among African American women (14.6%) was about 50 percent higher than the rate of preterm birth among white or Hispanic women (9.4% and 10.1% respectively). (Source: [CDC](#))

THE MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS IN THE USA & PENNSYLVANIA

- The maternal mortality rate for non-Hispanic Black women in 2021 was alarmingly high at 69.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, which is 2.6 times greater than that of non-Hispanic white women. This glaring racial disparity underscores deep-rooted systemic issues within our healthcare system.
- Black women in the U.S. face a significantly higher risk of pregnancy-related mortality compared to white women, with a staggering three times greater likelihood of death. Shockingly, more than 80% of these deaths are deemed preventable, highlighting the urgent need for targeted interventions and systemic reforms.
- It's distressing to note that approximately 700 individuals succumb to pregnancy-related complications annually in the United States. These deaths are not inevitable; most are preventable with appropriate healthcare access, support, and intervention.
- For each maternal death in the United States, nearly 100 individuals grapple with severe health complications stemming from pregnancy and childbirth. This ripple effect underscores the broader impact of maternal health disparities on families and communities nationwide.
- The maternal health crisis in Pennsylvania reflects broader systemic issues within our healthcare system. By addressing disparities at the state level, we can contribute to nationwide efforts to improve maternal health outcomes and ensure every mother receives the care and support she deserves.
- The stark realities of maternal mortality rates, particularly among marginalized communities, demand urgent action. It's imperative for policymakers, healthcare providers, advocates, and communities to come together, prioritize maternal health equity, and implement evidence-based interventions to save lives and build a healthier future for all.
- As we confront the maternal health crisis in the United States and Pennsylvania, let's reaffirm our commitment to equity, justice, and dignity in maternal healthcare. Together, through advocacy, policy reform, and collective action, we can create a future where every mother can experience a safe and healthy pregnancy and childbirth.

ABOUT BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK & BLACK MAMAS MATTER -----

- Founded by BMMA, Black Maternal Health Week is a week of awareness, activism, and community-building aimed at amplifying the voices of Black Mamas and centering the values and traditions of the reproductive and birth justice movements. BMHW is held annually in April during National Minority Health Month.
- #BMHW24 is, above all, a week dedicated to educating and advocating for Black Mamas. Through a series of digital events and community engagement, BMHW uplifts Black women-led organizations to focus on the root causes of poor maternal health outcomes, while engaging Black voices to lead immediate conversations around community-driven policies and programs.
- The International Maternal Health and Rights Day - April 11th - is a time to celebrate the fundamental rights of all individuals to access quality maternal healthcare. It serves as a reminder of the importance of ensuring that every person, regardless of their circumstances, has the right to a safe and healthy pregnancy and childbirth experience.
- April 11th, 2024 marks the first global observance of Black Doula Day. Black Doula Day is a special day dedicated to celebrating the invaluable contributions of Black doulas in supporting expectant mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum.

THE PA Momnibus -----

- The PA Momnibus package is the culmination of years of work to address the critical issues surrounding maternal health and well-being. These core areas of increasing access to care, eliminating maternal health deserts, and addressing social determinants of health, guide our focus in this comprehensive platform. This caucus has done an amazing job of developing a multi-pronged approach to achieve health and maternal care equity for birthing people across the state no matter where they live.
- Across the commonwealth, women have become victims of healthcare system closures. These closures have created an alarmingly increasing problem of maternal health deserts. Nineteen counties in Pennsylvania have hospitals that don't provide obstetric services and don't have accredited freestanding birth centers. Thirty-one counties don't have a Newborn Intensive Care Unit. This is a horrifying reality and one that we want to change now.
- The Momnibus legislation does many things, but most importantly, it will bring forth into motion the beginning stages of good legislation that will prevent Black moms and birthing folks and all mommas throughout the commonwealth from dying and create a Pennsylvania where the birthing journey will bring joy and healthy live birthing experiences, leading to happier and healthier children, mothers, families and communities for generations to come. When we actively address the devastation that has created fear and destroyed hope around Black maternal health, we are addressing the restoration of hope in the birthing experiences that are yet to come.
- We must address these race-based and gender-based disparities to ensure health care is equitable for all moms, birthing people and all Pennsylvanians. The Pennsylvania Momnibus package represents the groundbreaking opportunity to pass legislation that boldly addresses the maternal healthcare crisis in our commonwealth, reduces maternal morbidity and mortality, and ensures pregnant and postpartum patients have access to critical resources.

DOULAS & PERINATAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT -----

- Pennsylvania's recent expansion in Medicaid creates a path for doulas to become certified providers, increasing women's access to doulas as part of their care teams and helping to improve birth outcomes in PA. In addition to increasing access to doulas, the Shapiro Administration is actively combatting maternal health issues by proposing an additional \$2.7 million in the 2024-25 proposed budget to address and prevent maternal mortality.
- Doulas play a crucial role in addressing disparities in maternal health care experienced by Black women. Black doulas bring a unique cultural understanding and sensitivity to their work, which is essential for providing effective support to Black mothers. They understand the cultural nuances, traditions, and challenges faced by Black families during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum.
- Doulas empower Black mothers by advocating for their rights, preferences, and choices during pregnancy and childbirth. They ensure that mothers have access to accurate information, resources, and support to make informed decisions about their care. Doulas provide invaluable emotional and physical support to Black mothers throughout their maternal journey. From providing comfort measures during labor to offering encouragement and reassurance, doulas help mothers feel empowered and confident in their birthing experience.
- Research has shown that doula support leads to improved birth outcomes, including reduced rates of cesarean sections, shorter labor durations, and higher rates of breastfeeding initiation. By providing continuous support, doulas contribute to safer and more positive birth experiences for Black mothers.
- The support of doulas extends beyond childbirth to the postpartum period, where they offer guidance, resources, and emotional support to Black mothers as they navigate the challenges of early motherhood. Doulas also serve as a link to community resources and support networks for Black mothers, connecting them with services, programs, and organizations that can address their unique needs and challenges.

BMHW SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS & MESSAGING



Download and Customize the PBMHC Graphics by visiting:

<https://pahouse.com/bmh/graphics>

KEY HANDLES

- Instagram: @pablackmaternalhealth
- Facebook: @PABlackMaternalHealthCaucus
- Twitter/X: @pablackmhc
- @BlackMamasMatter

KEY HASHTAGS

#BMHW24
#BlackMaternalHealthWeek
#BirthedForPA
#BMHWAAtTheCapiol
#PBMHC
#PAMomnibus
#BlackMamasMatter

SAMPLE MESSAGES

- During #BMHW24, let's amplify our voices in PA to advocate for policy reforms that address the systemic barriers to Black maternal health. Together, we can drive meaningful change and create a future where every birth is safe and supported. #BirthedforPA #PAMomnibus
- Join the PBMHC in celebrating #BMHW24 with the theme "Our Bodies STILL Belong to Us!" Let's advocate for comprehensive healthcare coverage and equitable access for all Black women and birthing people. #BirthedforPA #PBMHC
- During Black Maternal Health Week, let's recognize the resilience of Black women and birthing people, and commit to fighting for their rights to equitable health care. Together, we can create positive change. #BMHW24 #BirthedforPA #PBMHC
- This #BMHW24, let's raise awareness about the intersection of racial injustice and maternal health disparities. It's time to address systemic barriers and ensure every Black woman and birthing person receives the care they deserve. #BirthedforPA #PBMHC
- As we celebrate Black Maternal Health Week, let's commit to dismantling systemic barriers and advocating for policies that center the needs of Black women and birthing people. Together, we can create a more just and equitable healthcare system. #BMHW24 #PBMHC
- As we commemorate #BMHW24, let's mobilize for policy changes that center the voices and experiences of Black Mamas and birthing people. Together, we can advocate for policies that ensure access to quality, respectful maternal health care for all. #BirthedForPA #PAMomnibus

BMH PARTNER RESOURCES

- The **Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA)** is a national network of organizations and leaders from the maternal health, human rights, and reproductive justice fields. We believe that every person deserves access to quality and holistic health care.
 - BMHW24 Toolkit: blackmamasmatter.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-BMHW-Toolkit.pdf
 - Comprehensive Policy Agenda: [0411 BMMA PolicyAgenda v5.pdf \(blackmamasmatter.org\)](https://blackmamasmatter.org/0411-BMMA-PolicyAgenda-v5.pdf)
- The **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) strengthens public health systems to meet the needs of America's mothers, children, and their families. We reach more than 61 million pregnant people, infants, and children, including children with special healthcare needs.
 - [Black Maternal Health Week 2024 Social Media Toolkit | MCHB \(hrsa.gov\)](https://www.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health/bureau/black-maternal-health-week-2024-social-media-toolkit)
- **2024 PA Maternal Mortality Review Annual Report**
 - [2024 MMR Annual Report.pdf \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/documents/2024-mmra-annual-report)

NATIONWIDE & STATEWIDE



Black Mamas Matter Alliance Black Doula Day Virtual Prep Rally
Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 2pm to 3:30pm est
Virtual – Zoom
Registration: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Black Mamas Matter Alliance - Our Journey: The Black Maternal Health Institute and Incubator Hub
Friday, April 12, 2024 – 10am to 12pm est
Virtual – Zoom
Registration: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Black Mamas Matter Alliance - Faithful Advocacy: Faith Communities and the Pursuit of Black Maternal Health and Reproductive Justice
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 1pm to 2:30pm est
Virtual – Zoom
Registration: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated- Alpha Alpha Omicron Zeta Chapter's Black Maternal Health Virtual Forum
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7pm
Virtual – Zoom
RSVP: [2024 Black Maternal Health Forum RSVP Form \(google.com\)](#)



EnRICH Webinar: Unlocking the Future of Maternal Health Begins with Research

Thursday April 11, 2024 at 2pm

Virtual – Zoom

RSVP: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

WESTERN REGION



Representative La'Tasha D. Mayes 1st Annual Community Baby Shower

Saturday, April 13, 2024 – 12pm to 4pm

Pittsburg, PA

Registration: <https://www.pahouse.com/mayes/> or call 412-655-5502



Postpartum Pittsburgh Promoting Mental Health for Birthing Individuals Conference

April 19, 2024 – 8am to 4pm

Pittsburg, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)

CENTRAL REGION

Penn State Health Obstetrics and Gynecology | Grand Rounds

Black Maternal Health Week 2024 Events



Wednesday, April 17
Noon-6 p.m.
Black Maternal Health Research Poster Symposium
 Penn State College of Medicine
 Room C3021
 Accepted posters focus on disparities in maternal and reproductive health.

4-5 p.m.
Keynote Grand Rounds Presentation
 Penn State College of Medicine
 Room C6195 (Lecture Room A)

PRESENTER:
 Rep. Morgan Cephas
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives
 Co-Chair, Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus

5-6 p.m.
Reception and Poster Awards
 Penn State College of Medicine
 Room C3021/Third Floor Lobby
 Refreshments provided.

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PennState Health PennState College of Medicine

Black Maternal Health Week at Penn State Health

Featuring PBMHC Co-Chair, Rep Morgan B. Cephas

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – 12pm to 6pm
 Hershey, PA

RSVP to Lisa Beck in Penn State Health's Office of Government Relations at lbeck1@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

SOUTHEASTERN REGION



Cayaba Care

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SUMMIT: ROOTED IN RESILIENCE

DATE: APRIL 11, 2024
 TIME: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM ET

WHERE: THE QUORUM
 3475 MARKET ST SUITE 200
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104

Cayaba Care - Black Maternal Health Advocacy Summit: Rooted in Resilience

Featuring PBMHC Co-Chair, Rep Morgan B. Cephas

April 11, 2024 – 8:30am to 4:30pm
 Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: [Cayaba Care's Black Maternal Health Advocacy Summit: Rooted in Resilience Tickets, Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

A DELCO CALL TO ACTION

Health, Policy, Practice, Education, Support

Black Maternal Health Week 2024
Thursday, April 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Widener University, Alumni Auditorium One University Place, Chester

SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

- Joanna Craig (Moderator)**
 Director of Policy, Research and Evaluation for Delaware County
- Lynessa Bradford**
 Senior Director of Programs, Maternity Care Director
- Sally Zubairu-Coffield**
 Telehealth and Rural Director
- State Rep. Gina H. Curry**
 Co-Chair, Delaware Black Maternal Health Caucus
- Melissa Patti**
 Director, Maternal & Infant Health Initiatives, Maternal Director
- Theresa Pettaway**
 Executive Director of Pettaway Perinatal Foundation
- Robert Speer**
 Community Health Services with the Delaware County Health Department
- Dr. Monica Taylor**
 Chair, Delaware County Council



Light refreshments and reception to follow.
 Register: delcofoundation.org/events

THE FOUNDATION FOR DELAWARE COUNTY



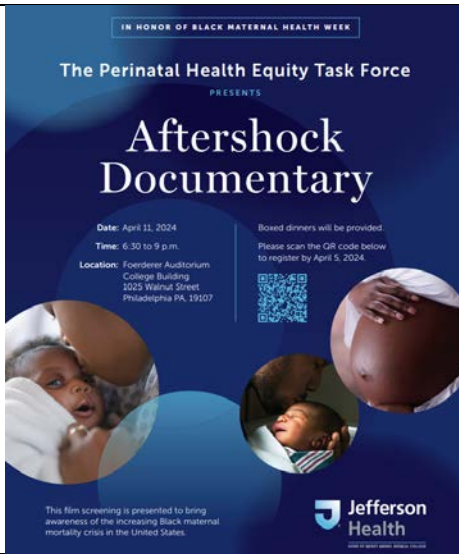
The Delaware County Foundation Black Maternal Health Week 2024

A Delco Call to Action - Community Panel Discussion

In partnership with the Delaware County Council, Rep. Gina H Curry, the Delaware County Women's Commission, Theresa Pettaway, Foundation, and Pennsylvania WIC.

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 3pm
 Chester, PA

RSVP: [Black Maternal Health Week 2024: A Delco Call to Action - The Foundation for Delaware County \(delcofoundation.org\)](https://delcofoundation.org)



The Perinatal Health Equity Task Force

April 11, 2024 – 6:30pm to 9pm
Philadelphia, PA 19107

RSVP: [Qualtrics Survey](#) | [Qualtrics Experience Management](#)



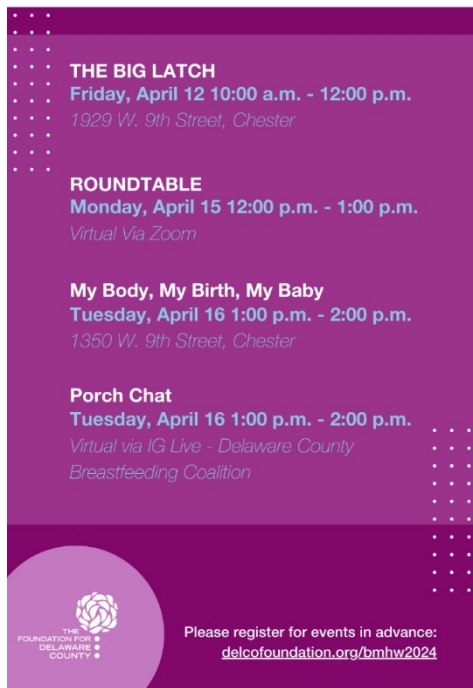
Senator Carolyn Comitta + Maternal and Child Health Consortium Community Baby Shower

April 12, 2024 – 3:30pm to 5:30pm
Coatesville, PA 19320

More Information: www.pasenatorcomitta.com/event/babyshower/

EVENTS

Black Maternal Health Week 2024



The Delaware County Foundation Black Maternal Health Week 2024

The Big Latch

Friday, April 12, 2024 – 10am to 12:00pm
Chester, PA

Roundtable

Monday, April 15, 2024 – 12pm to 1pm
Virtual via Zoom

My Body, My Birth, My Baby

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 1pm to 2pm
Chester, PA

Porch Chat

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 1pm to 2pm
Virtual via IG Live – Delaware County Breastfeeding Coalition

ALL EVENTS RSVP: <https://delcofoundation.org/who-we-are/events/>

Oshun Family Center + Maternal Wellness Village Black Maternal Health Week 2024

Petals & Prosecco - Birth Workers Brunch & Retreat

Friday, April 12, 2024 – 11:30am to 3:30pm

Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)

Community BAE-BEE Shower

Saturday, April 13, 2024 – 12pm to 4pm

Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)

WellMama Rejuvenation Circle

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 12pm to 3pm

Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)

Reimagining Reproductive Justice - Training

Monday, April 15, 2024 – 8:30am to 3pm

Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)

Advocacy Day @ PA State Capitol

In partnership with Maternity Care Coalition and New Voices for Reproductive Justice

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 8:30am to 3pm

Departing from Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)



Maternity Care Coalition Celebrating Mothers Brunch

April 13, 2024 – 10am to 1pm

Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: <https://maternitycarecoalition.org/events/celebrating-mothers-brunch-2024>



Rep. Gina H. Curry in partnership with the Delaware County Black Caucus - Aftershock Screening and Panel Discussion

April 13, 2024 – 4pm to 7pm

Penn Wood High School, Lansdowne, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)





A Home for From Shana Foundation - Black Maternal Health 5K Walk & Run

In partnership with Beauty Over Ashes, The Family Practice & Counseling Network, Cocolife.black, and RG Royal

April 14, 2024 – 10am

Philadelphia, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)



BABY-CHELLA Community Baby Shower

Hosted by North 10 Philadelphia, NeT Community Care, and Geisinger

April 19, 2024 – 12pm to 2pm

Philadelphia, PA 19140

RSVP: Not Required



Montgomery County Maternal Early Childhood Consortium (MECC), Maternity Care Coalition (MCC), and the Montgomery County HHS Office of Public Health – Mothers Alive – Reducing Disparities in Maternal Mortality and Morbidity

April 30, 2024 – 9am to 3pm

Blue Bell, PA

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)

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PBMHC Stakeholder Organizations 2023-2024

A Home From Shana Foundation	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Policy Lab	Pettaway Pursuit Foundation
A Humbled Heart Inc., North10 Philadelphia	Family Practice & Counseling Network (FCPN)	Reclaim Black Motherhood LLC
AMERIHEALTH CARITAS	Francis Goodwin PR LLC	S.W. Doula, LLC
BirthRoot Community Doula	Healthy Start, Inc.	Temple School of Pharmacy
Black Women's Policy Center	Maternity Care Coalition	The Maya Organization
Cayaba Care	New Voices for Reproductive Justice	The Foundation for Delaware County
Cocolife.black	Once Upon A Premie, Inc	The Midwife Center
Center for Women's Global Health at UPenn	Oshun Family Center	Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania
		Womb Intensive Systematic Holistic Care (Womb-Ish)