

# ADVANCING HEALTHY BIRTHS

AN EQUITY PLAN FOR MICHIGAN FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

2024 - 2028





*Advancing Healthy Births: An Equity Plan for Michigan Families and Communities* is a next step in working towards an equitable Michigan and requires action from all of us.

[Advancing Healthy Births \(michigan.gov\)](https://michigan.gov/advancing-healthy-births)

# Vision

**STRATEGIC  
VISION**



**ZERO PREVENTABLE DEATHS  
ZERO HEALTH DISPARITIES**

# Birth Outcomes

While Michigan has seen many successes in birthing outcomes, disparities still exist. Black and Indigenous pregnant and postpartum individuals and their infants experience preventable deaths at higher rates than their white counterparts.

In 2021, **656 infants died** before their first birthday.

Black, non-Hispanic infants are **3 times more likely** to die before their first birthday than White, non-Hispanic infants.

From 2011-2019, 127 women died of pregnancy-related causes.

From 2015-2019, Black women were **2.8 times** more likely to die from **pregnancy-related** causes than White women.

Michigan resident live birth and infant mortality files. Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Maternal Deaths in Michigan, 2015-2019 Data Update. Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance Program. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



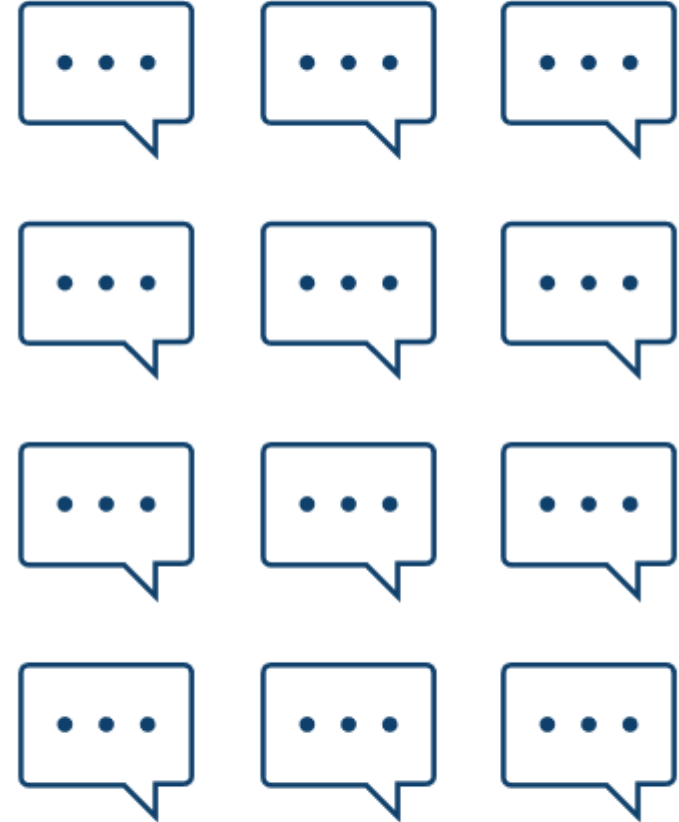
# Uplifting Family Voices

Only by listening to Michigan families, as experts on their own experiences and their communities, will our goal of zero preventable deaths and zero health disparities be achieved – an equitable Michigan that all birthing people deserve.

# Regional Town Halls

Families provided insight into what was going well in their communities and what barriers prevented families and babies from being as healthy as possible.

## 12 TOWN HALL DISCUSSIONS



Hosted by Regional Perinatal  
Quality Collaboratives

# Goals

2023 - 2028

## Infant Mortality Rate

**2023 Baseline:** 6.7 deaths per 1,000 live births

**2028 Goal:** 6.0\* deaths per 1,000 live births

\*Resulting in ~74 infants celebrating their first birthdays each year

## Eclampsia Rate

**2023 Baseline:** 6.9 cases per 10,000 hospital deliveries

**2028 Goal:** 5.6 cases per 10,000 hospital deliveries

## Teen Birth Rate

**2023 Baseline:** 12.2 births per 1,000 females aged 15-19

**2028 Goal:** 9.0 births per 1,000 females aged 15-19

## MDHHS Doula Registration

**2023 Baseline:** 0 MI doulas trained & on the MDHHS Doula Registry

**2028 Goal:** 500 MI doulas trained & on the MDHHS Doula Registry

To date, there are 257 MI doulas trained and on the MDHHS Doula Registry.

## Implementation of *Severe Hypertension In Pregnancy Safety Bundle* (MI AIM)

**2023 Baseline:** 81.7% hospitals fully implemented

**2028 Goal:** 90% hospitals fully implemented

# Priority Areas

To achieve the collective vision, and promote further alignment of statewide programs and strategies, the Advancing Healthy Births Plan will focus on four priority areas rooted in equity:





MDHHS is committed to developing and sustaining strong and equitable collaborative partnerships to truly assure we are working together.



# Q&A

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