

# ***Overview of Current Efforts to Address Maternal Health and Infant Mortality***

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# Maternal & Infant Health

- ***Healthier women tend to have healthier babies...***

## **Preconception Health efforts**

- March of Dimes partnership
- Preconception Peer Educator Program
- Preconception Health CoIIN

# Maternal & Infant Health

## Pregnancy intendedness

- Local Health Departments – Family Planning Services
- Medicaid – Be Smart Family Planning State Amendment
- Partnership with Upstream USA

# Maternal & Infant Health

- Medicaid for Pregnant Women
- Pregnancy Medical Home/Pregnancy Care Management Program
  - Care Management
  - OB Champions
  - Nurse Coordinators
- Local Health Department Maternal Health Services
- Perinatal Quality Collaborative of NC/Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM)

# Maternal & Infant Health

## New Maternal Mortality Review Committee Grant

- Supports State Maternal Mortality Review Committee
- Additional training and support to reduce potential bias during abstraction and review process
- Recommendations for improvements

# Maternal & Infant Health

## New Maternal Health Innovation Grant

- Statewide Maternal Health Task Force
- Provider Support Network
  - Obstetric Champions
  - Family Practice Champions
  - Perinatal/Neonatal Outreach Coordinators
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trimester focus
- AHEC Scholars Program
- AHEC's Alliance for Health Professionals Diversity

# Maternal & Infant Health

## **New Maternal Health Innovation Grant**

- **Centering Pregnancy & Parenting sites**
- **Doula & Community Health Worker support**
- **Telehealth Services**

# Maternal & Infant Health

## NC Maternal Mental Health MATTERS

*(Making Access to Treatment, Evaluation, Resources, and Screening Better)*

- Focus on screening, assessment, and treatment
- Continuing education and training for providers



# **Maternal & Infant Health**

## **Healthy Beginnings**

- **Focus on minority infant mortality reduction**

## **Federal Healthy Start Programs**

- **Focus on perinatal health disparities**

## **Infant Mortality Reduction Program**

- **Focus on counties with highest IMR**

# **Maternal & Infant Health**

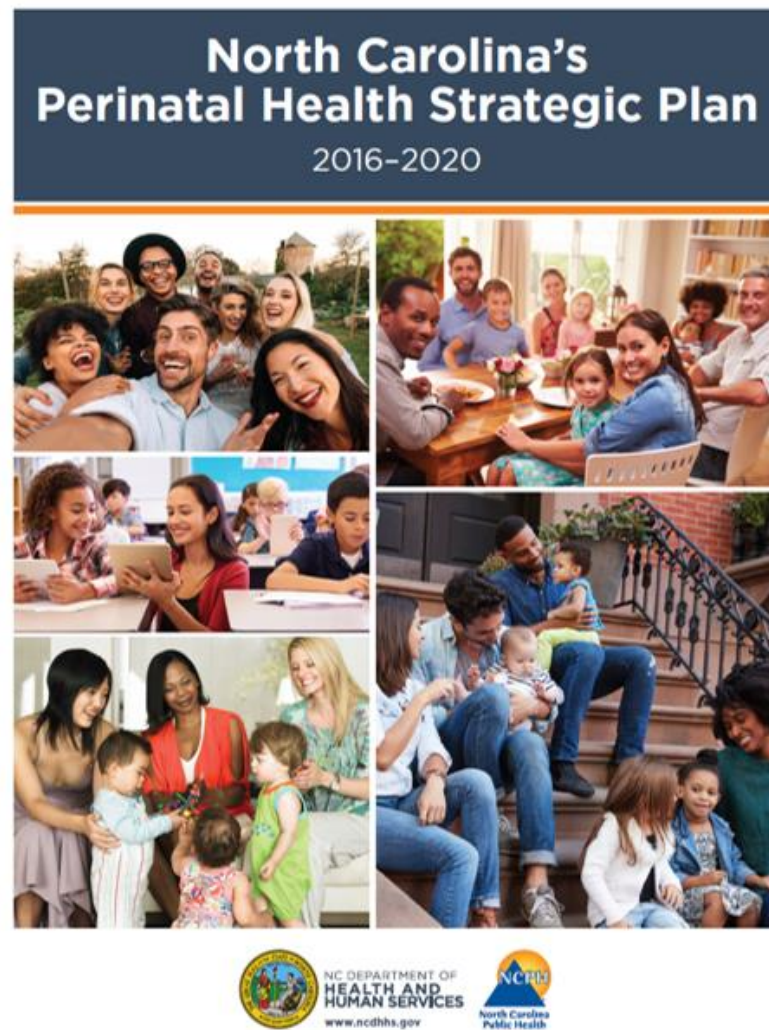
## **Improving Community Outcomes for MCH**

- **Infant mortality reduction**
- **Improved birth outcomes**
- **Health of children 0-5 years**

## **Evidence-based Home Visiting**

# The Perinatal Health Strategic Plan

- Framework is based on the “12-Point Plan to Close the Black-White Gap in Birth Outcomes: A Life-Course Approach” developed by Lu, Kotelchuck, Hogan, Jones, Wright, and Haflon
- Broader focus encompassing infant mortality, maternal morbidity and mortality; and the health of women and men of childbearing age
- Data driven and focused on the best evidence available
- Infused throughout with issues of health equity and social determinants of health



# Social Determinants of Health CollN

## Focus on Health Equity in All Policies

- Infuse health equity and promote understanding of the influence of social determinants of health in institutional policies and processes
- Adapt Health Equity Impact Assessment tool
- Adapt a foundational training for staff on health equity and SDOH

Questions?