Maternal Infant Health Initiative

Office of Health Equity Research and Engagement (HERE)

Mission/Vision:

We are HERE to ensure that every patient, particularly the historically excluded and underserved, experience IU Health as a physically and psychologically safe and welcoming place to receive high quality care.

Program Description:

Indiana is the 3rd highest state in the country for maternal mortality rates and 8th in the country for infant mortality rates and among the largest number of deaths are those of African American mothers and infants. The *Infant Maternal Mortality (IMM) Committee will* guide the planning, implementation, execution of IU Health's Action Plan to address African American Infant and Maternal Mortality as well as informs the development and implementation of strategies to complement the plan.

Overall Goal:

The goals below are in work with the IMM (Infant Maternal Mortality) Committee spearheaded by IU Health's Community Health department to reach the following goals by 2026:

- Reduce Infant/Maternal Mortality
- Reduce Infant/Maternal Mortality White/Black disparity
- Reduce Infant/Maternal Mortality statewide in alignment with Riley and community stakeholders

Partners:

- IU Health Value Based Care
- Clinical Effectiveness
- IU Health Office of Health Equity Research and Engagement
- Informatics and Information Services
- Community Health
- Riley Children's Hospital
- Regenstrief Institute

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact our team at HereTeam@IUHealth.org.

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