

Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project NEWSLETTER



Strengthening Healthy Start to support family health and well-being

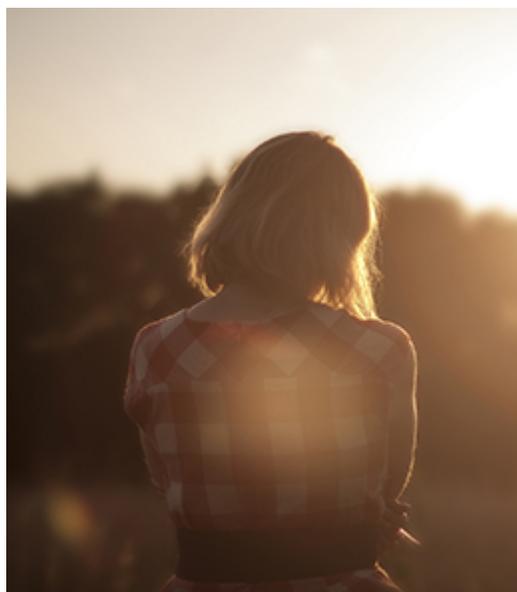
Message from the TA Center

On 9/30, we sent a survey to all Healthy Start Project Directors as part of our needs assessment. We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey, acknowledging that you all have multiple priorities at this time. As a follow-up to this survey, the TA Center will hold three focus groups at the [National Healthy Start Association's Annual Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. The TA Center hopes to gain valuable insights from Healthy Start staff and participants, which will inform the capacity building assistance we provide. Each focus group will be one hour and include up to 12 participants. The participants and times for each focus group are listed below:

- **Healthy Start Fatherhood Coordinators:** Saturday, 10/19, 4:15-5:15 p.m., Ballroom A
- **Healthy Start Participants/Consumers:** Tuesday, 10/22, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Ballroom A
- **Healthy Start Project Front-line Staff:*** Tuesday, 10/22, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Ballrooms B and C

* Including Healthy Start case managers, community health workers, home visiting staff, program managers, etc. We can accept up to 24 participants for this group.

If you are part of one of these three groups and wish to participate, please email healthystart@nichq.org or visit NICHQ's table at the NHSA Annual Conference beginning on 10/19.



Shedding Light on Maternal Mortality

Each year, about 700 women in the United States die as a result of [pregnancy and delivery complications](#). NPR and ProPublica examined this urgent issue in their

series [Lost Mothers: Maternal Mortality in the U.S.](#) On the Healthy Start EPIC Center, you'll find a [staff meeting training package](#) focused on one of the series' episodes. Listen to the podcast and use the training package to prompt a discussion about preventing maternal mortality with your staff.



Insight on Maternal Mortality from NICHQ

NICHQ published an article describing the leading cause of pregnancy-related death: postpartum hemorrhage. Read [Taking on a Leading Cause of Maternal Death: Improving Postpartum Hemorrhage Care](#) to learn more about postpartum hemorrhage and how health care systems can make improvements in three key areas of postpartum care.





Discover How your State's Maternal Mortality Rate Compares

Every Mother Counts' series [Giving Birth in America](#) outlines the factors driving the rise in maternal mortality in the United States. Click the link above to learn about the provider shortages, systemic and interpersonal racism, and disrespectful treatment facing pregnant women across the country. The website also features an interactive map tool, which you can use to explore maternal health statistics in each state.

Eliminating Maternal Mortality (ERASE MM)

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [EraseMM program](#) supports agencies and organizations across 25 states in their efforts to coordinate and manage Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs). MMRCs review and characterize maternal deaths and identify prevention opportunities. The Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA, or "Maria") is a data system that helps MMRCs organize available data and begin to identify and assess maternal mortality cases. Read a [recent report](#) highlighting data from 14 MMRCs that were shared with the CDC using the data system.



An Exciting New Funding Opportunity

The Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) is pleased to announce a request for proposals (RFP) in collaboration with the CDC for the [MATernal and Infant Network to Understand Outcomes Associated with Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder During Pregnancy \(MAT-LINK\)](#).

The goal of MAT-LINK is to establish a surveillance network to collect data on maternal, infant, and child health outcomes associated with treatments for opioid use disorder during pregnancy. The purpose of the RFP is to award clinical sites that have the ability to integrate or link maternal and newborn data and the authority to access and share these data with the CDC.

All proposals are due on November 15, 2019 by 5 p.m. EDT.

Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Community Care Initiative

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded the National Healthy Start Association with a cooperative agreement for a five-year project, the [Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Community Care Initiative](#) (AIM-CCI). AIM-CCI will support the development and implementation of non-hospital focused maternal safety bundles within community-based organizations and outpatient clinical settings.

State Maternal Health Innovation Support and Implementation Program

HRSA awarded the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a cooperative agreement for a five-year project, the [Supporting Maternal Health Innovation Support and Implementation Program](#) (Supporting MHI). The program will provide capacity building assistance to HRSA's maternal health grantees, which will in turn inform the grantees' strategies to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

State Maternal Health Innovation Program

HRSA awarded nine organizations – the Phoenix Health Services Department, the Iowa Department of Public Health, the University of Illinois, Johns Hopkins University, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the New Jersey Department of

Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Oklahoma State Health Department – with cooperative agreements for a five-year project. [The State Maternal Health Innovation Program](#) (State MHI) will assist states in addressing disparities in maternal health and improving maternal health outcomes.



Hosting or attending an exciting event or webinar?

We will use the EPIC Center [Training Calendar](#) to share information about events specifically planned for Healthy Start projects, as well as other relevant webinars, trainings, and other events that are open to the public. If you know of events or trainings that you think other Healthy Start projects should be aware of, please feel free to send information to healthystart@nichq.org.

Have questions? Either respond to this email or contact the sender on healthystart@nichq.org

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