



MIRACLE Center

A NIH Maternal Health Research Center of Excellence

Community Partnership Component



THE PROBLEM IN MICHIGAN

- **70 pregnant women die** every year in Michigan, on average.
- **Over half** of these deaths **are preventable**.
- **Serious pregnancy problems affect 1 in 50 perinatal women.** These include bleeding, high blood pressure, and infection.
- The **burden is carried disproportionately across populations.**

Data from MDHHS: [Maternal Deaths in Michigan, 2016–2020 Data Update](#) and [SMM MI, 2019](#)

The Community Partnership Component (CPC) is a group of people from different communities that support the Center's work. Members have a wide range of identities and experiences and are full partners in the Center.

Examples of Members



Community, local, state, and national organizations



Perinatal women and their families



Community members



Trusted community-based organizations



Health systems



Government, policy, and quality improvement partners



OUR PLAN OF ACTION

Create and maintain strong relationships with partners.

Involve partners in all parts of the Center's research process.

Find new partners.

Make sure the Center's research is useful and meets community needs.

Decide what, when, how, and to whom the Center shares research findings.

Support partners that want to use Center findings.

Ensure as many people as possible learn about chosen findings from the Center.

Use findings to make long-term change at the local, state, and national levels.



COMMUNITY BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH GUIDES THE CPC.

Because of this, the group makes sure to:



Support strong leadership.



Build a shared end goal.



List roles and responsibilities of partners.



Include members from different communities and identities.



Use communication that is clear, appropriate, and timely.



Identify clear expectations that all partners agree with.



Use cooperation, co-learning, co-ownership in all work.



PARTNERS INCLUDE

Trusted Community Organizations

Perinatal women and their families,
Community Based Organization Partners,
Michigan Maternal Infant Health Program,
Michigan State Medical Society, Strong
Beginnings Healthy Start

Health Care Organizations

Corewell Health, Grand Traverse Women's
Clinic, Henry Ford Health, Hurley Medical
Center, McLaren Health, Mid-Michigan
OBGYN, Munson Healthcare, My Michigan
Health, Northwoods OBGYN

Government, Policy, and Quality Improvement Groups

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan, Maternal Infant Health, Health Equity Action Committee, State and Regional Perinatal Quality Collaboratives in Michigan, Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance Review Committee, Michigan Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, National Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health – Community Care Initiative, Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance



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