

Maternal Health Disparities: The Women Behind the Data

A 5-Part Webinar Series

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FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024
12:00PM ET – 1:00PM ET

AGENDA

Purpose

- This event is the first of five public webinars organized by the [Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society](#) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine with support from the [Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education](#). Topic areas for discussing maternal health disparities are framed by the social determinants of health, in areas such as mental health, the work of doulas, implicit bias, community-based organizations and models, active-duty service women, and trust in health care.
- In this public webinar, speakers and panelists will explore the mental health needs of pregnant women and mothers in underserved communities and the work of birthing doulas to reach the women and connect them to formal mental health services.
- The webinar will be publicly broadcasted [HERE](#). A proceedings-in-brief, *Maternal Health Disparities: The Women Behind the Data*, will be published by the National Academies Press summarizing the five-part webinar series.

12:00–12:10 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Monica McLemore

Director, Manning Price Spratlen Center for Anti-Racism and Equity in Nursing, University of Washington School of Nursing

12:10–12:15 **Framing the Discussion**

Karen McDonnell

Associate Professor, Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University

12:15–12:30 **Mental Health Needs of Pregnant Women in Underserved Communities**

Jasmine Garland McKinney

Postdoctoral Associate, Community, Equity, Data, and Information (CEDI) Lab, The University of Maryland at College Park.

12:30–12:55 Leveraging the Work of Doulas: Moderated Panel Discussion

Jasmine Garland McKinney (Moderator)

Postdoctoral Associate, Community, Equity, Data, and Information (CEDI) Lab, The University of Maryland at College Park.

Adaeze Okoroajuzie

Doula & Senior Program Assistant, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

Octavia Smith

Community Birth Worker Coordinator, Mamatoto Village

12:55:00–1:00 Closing

Karen McDonnell

Associate Professor, Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University

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