HEALTHY MOMS. STRONG BABIES.

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OUR MISSION

MARCH OF DIMES LEADS THE FIGHT FOR THE HEALTH OF ALL MOMS AND BABIES.
U.S. MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH CRISIS

It’s One Crisis. Not Two.

This crisis is about moms and babies. It’s about those we’ve lost, including the moms who died and those who face serious health challenges before, during and after pregnancy.
The preterm birth rate increased for the 4th year in a row.

- 30 states have worse rates
- 7 “F” grades in 2019, up from 4 in 2018: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, West Virginia, Puerto Rico

Premature/preterm is less than 37 weeks of gestation. Preterm birth rate is defined as the percentage of live births born preterm.


Prepared by March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, June, 2019.
A BOLD VISION FOR MOMS AND BABIES

HEALTHY MOMS.
End Preventable Maternal Morbidity and Mortality

STRONG BABIES.
End Preventable Prematurity and Infant Mortality

End the Health Equity Gap
ACCESS TO MATERNITY CARE

Maternity Care Deserts
- 5 million women live in maternity care deserts - counties with no hospital offering obstetric services and no OB providers.
- 150,000 babies are born to women living in these areas.

Limited Access to Maternity Care
- About 10 million women live in counties with limited access to maternity care. These counties have few hospitals offering obstetric services, few OB providers and a high proportion of women without health insurance.
- More than 330,000 babies were born in these counties.

Source: Nowhere to Go: Maternity Care Deserts across the U.S. March of Dimes, October, 2018.
BETTER UNDERSTAND THE UNDERLYING DETERMINANTS

Maternal Mortality

Preterm Birth

Poor health | Chronic health conditions | Known clinical causes

Economic Stability

Racism

Implicit Bias

Environmental Conditions

Access to Care

Adapted from A. R. James

HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE EQUITY AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF MOMS AND BABIES?

1 Solution: Expand group prenatal care, particularly Supportive Pregnancy Care
OTHER POLICY ACTIONS AND SOLUTIONS

• Expand programs that work, such as group prenatal care.
• Ensure that women have access to public health insurance programs.
• Expand Medicaid to cover individuals with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level.
• Make sure all women have Medicaid coverage for at least one year postpartum.
• Establish and fund Maternal Mortality Review Committees nationwide.
• Increase support for state-based Perinatal Quality Collaboratives.
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<td>Geographic Disparities</td>
<td>Could a women's race/ethnicity or zip code keep her from having a healthy baby?</td>
<td>This study will uncover how disparities relate to geography, social and/or economic factors.</td>
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<td>Workforce Participation</td>
<td>Could the type of jobs available to women in places they live impact birth outcome?</td>
<td>This study will investigate the link between birth outcomes and working conditions for hourly, part-time, and ‘gig economy’ jobs</td>
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<td>Social Factors in Preterm</td>
<td>What is known about the causes of racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes?</td>
<td>The goal of this Consensus Statement is to establish shared thought leadership on the current status of science regarding the etiology of the Black-White disparity in preterm birth.</td>
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<td>Paid Leave</td>
<td>Could a policy mandating paid family leave increase the number of working moms?</td>
<td>This study will estimate the impact of access to paid parental leave on labor force participation.</td>
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<td>Affordable Care Act</td>
<td>What would happen if the Affordable Care Act was reversed?</td>
<td>This study will model the potential impact of the loss of the ACA on health outcomes, health care utilization, and disparities.</td>
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<td>Cost of Prematurity</td>
<td>What does prematurity cost our society?</td>
<td>This study will estimate the cost of medical care, special education services, and lost productivity due to premature birth.</td>
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