

# Kenosha Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (KLIHF)

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*Statewide Advisory Committee on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in  
Birth Outcomes and Wisconsin Healthiest Women Initiative*





# INTRODUCTION

## **LHF Collaborative GOALS:**

Reduce infant mortality, improve birth outcomes, eliminate health disparities

## **PARADIGM: 12-Point Plan WORK GROUPS**

- (I) Improve healthcare for African American women
- (II) Strengthen African American families and communities
- (III) Address social and economic inequities



# Collaborative Perceptions: ***COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT***

## **GAPS:**

- (I) Preconception and interconception care;  
Additional coverage and access
- (II) Father involvement;  
Community building, urban renewal, i.e. blight
- (III) Undoing racism;  
Close the education gap;  
Reduce poverty;  
Support working mothers and families



# Community Perceptions

## *DISCUSSION GROUPS*

- What do you believe can be done to reduce infant mortality?"

**39%** medical help/ regular check-ups

**29%** social support

**18%** do not use drugs or alcohol,

**18%** good nutrition/ vitamins

**7%** to watch the safety of the baby

- "What keeps fathers from being involved with their children?" African American males said:

**57%** the courts/child support laws

**43%** no help with facilitating visits



# Perceptions:

## *DISCUSSION GROUPS*

“If there was one thing you could do today to make life better for you and your family what would it be?”

**37.5%** employment/better financial status

**25%** access to services – barriers: info, eligibility, transportation, safety

**12.5%** more family connection and support

**12.5%** better doctors and/or insurance



# Selected Priorities

- (1) Improving healthcare for African American women
  - Prenatal Care
- (2) Strengthening African American families and communities
  - Father involvement
- (3) Addressing social and economic inequities
  - Undoing racism
  - Close the education gap



# Finding Solutions

## *Exploring Evidenced Based Programs*

- Centering Pregnancy Research Conference
- Wingspread Briefing: Northern NJ MCH Consortium
- Nurse Family Partnership, National Office site visit
- Undoing Racism Workshop

### Conference Calls:

Magnolia Project, Jacksonville FL

REACH Genesee County (Flint) MI



# Kenosha LIHF MENU

*~ Evidence Based Programs ~*

## **(1) Healthcare**

- Centering Pregnancy
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Mom Baby Talk/PNCC

## **(2) Families and Communities**

- Enhanced Transitional Jobs Program (Fathers)
- National Fatherhood Initiative
- Family Resource Center/Home Visitation

## **(3) Social and economic inequities**

- REACH
- Undoing Racism Workshop – People's Institute
- Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

# Model Programs



Centering  
Healthcare Institute  
Group Care Across the Lifecycle



Nurse-Family  
Partnership



N A T I O N A L  
**NFMR**  
FETAL- INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM



**REACH**  
Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health

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**children + families**



Children's Trust Fund



**UNDOING RACISM**  
The People's Institute  
For Survival and Beyond



# Closing Comments

- *Accomplishments*
- *Community Engagement*
- *Lessons Learned*