

BROADENING OUR REACH

Expanding our community of practice

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

Registration: 8:30 am

Program: 9:00 am – 3:15 pm

Durham Convention Center

301 W. Morgan Street

Durham, NC 27701

This gathering brings together a diverse array of stakeholders – healthcare professionals, policymakers, researchers, advocates, parents, and community leaders – all committed to addressing the disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes within the Black community. Through a dynamic exchange of ideas, lessons learned, and best practices, we strive to expand our collective knowledge and expertise, fostering a more inclusive, responsive, and effective approach to care. From cross-disciplinary collaborations to grassroots initiatives, this conference highlights the importance of a collective commitment to prioritizing the voices, perspectives, and needs of Black Birthing Persons. Join us as we strengthen bonds, forge new partnerships, and chart a course towards equitable health outcomes in our communities and beyond.

Target Audience

Community Members at Large, Researchers, Health and Medical Students, Midwives, Doulas, Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, Non-profits, Parents and Families, Policy-facing: Legislators, Representatives

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of these educational activities, the participant should be able to:

- Explore the impacts of public health policy and practices on Black maternal and infant health in North Carolina.
- Engage with colleagues to identify and define key components of successful and effective collaborative endeavors aimed at promoting the safety and autonomy of Black birthing persons within the Reproductive Justice movement.
- Identify and network with community organizations working in the maternal health space in North Carolina, highlighting the importance of cross-jurisdictional and multidisciplinary approaches to addressing public health issues.
- Develop concrete next steps for generating synergy, with equitable decision-making and sharing of power, across disciplines, organizations, and communities with the purpose of collaboration towards improving overall health outcomes and decreasing pregnancy complications for all birthing people.

Credit

Contact Hours

Wake AHEC will provide up to 4.5 Contact Hours to participants.

A participant must attend 100% of the program to receive credit. Partial credit will not be awarded.

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Agenda

- 8:00 am **Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Welcome and Logistics**
- 9:15 am **Plenary Session**
[Protecting Black Birthing Persons Amidst Challenges to Equity and Reproductive Rights](#)
- 10:30 am **Breakout Sessions (2)**
[Wins and Challenges on the Ground: Lessons Learned through Collaboration and Practice in North Carolina](#)
[Generating Synergy Across Jurisdictions and Beyond](#)
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm **Plenary Session**
[Parents and Families: Highlighting Lived Experience as Expertise](#)
- 1:45 pm **Afternoon Break**
- 2:00 pm **Working Session**
[Moving Beyond Silos: Leaning into Multidisciplinary Approaches and Perspectives](#)
- 2:45 pm **Closing**

Conference Sessions

MORNING PLENARY SESSION

[Protecting Black Birthing Persons Amidst Challenges to Equity and Reproductive Rights](#)

As our landscape continues to shift, the reality of what it means to be engaged in the Reproductive Justice movement shifts in response. Join us as we explore the downstream implications of recent policy decisions and better understand what it means to advocate for the safety and choice of Black birthing persons in our current context.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (2)

[Wins and Challenges on the Ground: Lessons Learned through Collaboration and Practice in North Carolina](#)

Learning is an iterative process, characterized by continuous refinement and adaptation based on new insights and experiences. Join us for an insightful session where we delve into the experiences, victories, and obstacles encountered through collaborative efforts at the local level. Through reflection and discussion, we'll explore lessons learned from community-driven initiatives as a way to support and inform existing and future efforts.

[Generating Synergy Across Jurisdictions and Beyond](#)

Recognizing the critical importance of coordination across all levels of governance, we emphasize the power of unified efforts in driving comprehensive and responsive solutions. Hear from our local, state, and federal partners as they detail their efforts towards creating a more connected and impactful network for collective action.

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

[Parents and Families: Highlighting Lived Experience as Expertise](#)

The practice of centering voices requires that we uplift the lived experiences of the people most impacted by the issues and inequities we are aiming to address. This session aims to humanize our work through the centering of parents and families, recognizing them as invaluable, sources of expertise and insight. Our charge is to ensure that this expertise guides our direction, objectives, and approaches.

WORKING SESSION

[Moving Beyond Silos: Leaning into Multidisciplinary Approaches and Perspectives](#)

In this interactive working session, attendees will get an opportunity to outline tangible steps towards cultivating partnerships across disciplines and perspectives. Attendees will work together to identify areas of service, population, and geographic overlap and continue the process of uncovering mutual shared interests, resources, and mutual goals.

Registration

- **Registration Fee** - \$0.
- Online handouts and online certificate of completion.
- Lunch will be provided.
- To assure quality programming and safety for all participants, babies and children may not attend this program.
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