

Racial Disparities in Pregnancy-Related Deaths in Ohio 2008-2016

In Ohio, **black women are two and a half times more likely to die** from a cause related to pregnancy than white women. These disparities begin during pregnancy and continue through the first year after delivery.

Black Women

29.5 deaths
per 100,000 births.



White Women

11.5 deaths
per 100,000 births.

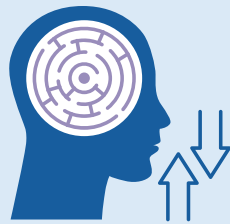


What is Ohio Doing to Address Racial Disparities in Maternal Health?

Implicit Bias Training

Providing free regional implicit bias trainings for 1,000 employees of public health programs, physicians, and other agencies that work with pregnant women and mothers in Ohio to improve patient-provider interactions, health communication, and health outcomes.

Implicit bias training helps to increase our understanding of the biases that exist in our unconscious minds and affect our actions toward others.



Emergency Simulation Training

Conducting emergency simulation training in low-resource hospitals to prepare for obstetric emergencies.

Over the next five years, recruiting emergency departments serving high proportions of women who are black, living in Appalachia, or insured by Medicaid for simulation training.



Implementing Best Practices

Supporting Ohio hospitals in implementing the best practices recommended by the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM).

Expanding AIM hypertension pilot program statewide, with a focus on hospitals that see high proportions of minority patients.



Urgent Maternal Warning Signs

Raising awareness of Urgent Maternal Warning Signs through public health providers.

Educating new mothers and the people who support them to recognize signs of postpartum complications. By recognizing warning signs, new mothers will be able to seek medical advice to address issues immediately.



For more information on our work, visit Ohio Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review webpage at: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/pregnancy-associated-mortality-review/welcome/>

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