

# Chicago Collaborative for Maternal Health

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

IS ON THE RISE IN THE U.S.

Like many other health outcomes, stark health inequities exist for maternal outcomes in America. Nationally, Black women are three to four times more likely than White women to die from a pregnancy or childbirth complication. In Chicago, Black women are five times more likely to die.

Most of these deaths are preventable; promoted prevention strategies include access to high-quality health care and supports before, during, and after pregnancy. Addressing this problem will need a multi-pronged, coordinated response between **health care organizations, community-based services, and policymakers.**

## CHICAGO IS READY

AllianceChicago, a practice-based research network, and EverThrive Illinois, a maternal and child health organization, have partnered to establish the **Chicago Collaborative for Maternal Health (CCMH).**

This collaboration will build awareness, foster partnerships, prioritize the perspective of families with lived experience, and drive quality of care for improved maternal health. We are leveraging Chicago's strengths to build an expansive coalition that will improve maternal health, eliminate inequities, and build sustained relationships to carry this mission forward.

*The Chicago Coalition for Maternal Health envisions a Chicago where all people and all communities thrive because health care providers, policy makers, community organizations, individuals, and families partner with intention to improve maternal health.*

### AIM 1: QUALITY

Develop a collaborative for ambulatory care providers focused on best practices in maternal health for systems and culture change

### AIM 2: COMMUNITY

Implement community engagement effort to improve maternal health awareness and empower communities

### AIM 3: POLICY

Advocate for policy and systems change to sustain improvements in health and health care and social service settings

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