

Adverse birth outcomes - maternal mortality and morbidity rates and pregnancy-related health inequalities - are disproportionately experienced among Black Birthing Persons and Babies in California. Highlighting the systematic and root causes of this crisis, a stronger community-based infrastructure under the leadership of Black maternal health experts, and prioritizing unbiased, culturally congruent person centered care on public health agendas are key in addressing racial disparities. **Our goals include:**



STRENGTHEN AND PROMOTE CALIFORNIA'S BLACK HEALTH EQUITY NETWORK:

Black Maternal and Infant Health experts and advocates have been tirelessly working to change the Black Maternal and Infant Health crisis.

Some partners produce high-quality research, others are direct service providers, and many others elevate this crisis to decision makers through advocacy and policy work. Our webinars directly engage Black Birthing Persons and Partners, bringing our voices together on a shared platform.

TARGET KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

Finding alliances among systems leaders, government, elected officials, and clinical providers is central to this strategy. Our webinar-series is designed to offer rationale for stakeholders shaping the way our communities are cared for and build cross-sector support.

LISTEN TO BLACK VOICES:

Black voices are part of defining the problem and finding solutions. Black advocates, doulas, individuals, and Mamas are our noted authorities on needs, solutions, and lived experiences.

The BLACK Doula Consortium will work to ensure Black voices directly inform policies, practices, and programs that serve Black Birthing Persons and Babies.

INCREASE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

We are working to create a statewide doula knowledge base, to include evidence, education, and resources. We invite our partners to co-build this knowledge base and once complete, promote it among their network and clients.

WEBINAR TIMES:

Monthly: Last Tuesdays of each month between June and December

EXAMPLE TOPICS:

- Community-based Doula Networks, SB 464, SB 65, Person-Centered Care, and Environmental Justice.
- Each webinar focuses on topics relevant for serving the unmet needs of Black Women, Mothers, Birthing Persons and Babies.

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