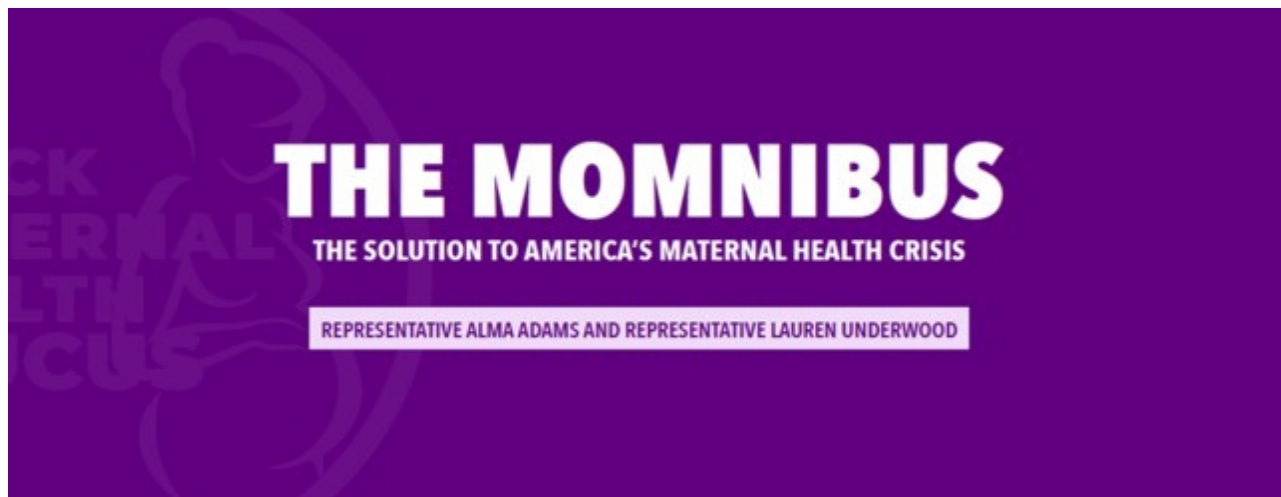




Greetings,

Please see below for federal funding opportunities, opportunities for action, news from Illinois, articles of the month, and federal maternal health resources.

Federal Funding and Action Opportunities

Connecting the Community for Maternal Health Challenge: Research Capacity Building in Maternity Care Deserts (CCMH 2.0)

This challenge seeks to reward non-profit, community-based organizations located in “maternal health deserts” for developing scientific infrastructure that advances maternal health research, particularly of morbidity and mortality. The total prize purse for the Connecting Community for Maternal Health Challenge is \$3.1 million. In addition to cash prizes, participating organizations in this challenge will be provided with substantial education, training, and mentoring opportunities.

- **Who Can Apply:** Non-profit community-based organizations, advocacy organizations, and state or federally recognized Tribes
- **Recruitment Phase Open Until 9/23/26**
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#) or contact philipsyb@nih.gov

Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Technical Assistance Center

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. The purpose of the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) program is to provide technical assistance to support all 50 states, the District of Columbia (D.C.), jurisdictions, U.S. territories, tribal communities, and birthing facilities that are participating in the AIM program. AIM is a quality improvement initiative to support best practices that make birth safer, improve maternal health outcomes, and save lives.

- **Who Can Apply:** Unrestricted
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 11/13/26
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#) or contact Wellwomancare@hrsa.gov

Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Development and Implementation

Grants

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. The Administration for Children and Families plans to solicit applications for Fiscal Year 2027 Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Development and Implementation Grants. Funding will support five-year cooperative agreements to develop and implement culturally grounded, evidence-based home visiting programs for American Indian and Alaska Native expectant families and families with children from birth through kindergarten. The program seeks to improve maternal and prenatal health, infant and child health and development, parenting practices, school readiness, family economic well-being, and connections to community resources and services.

- **Who Can Apply:** Federally recognized Indian tribes or consortia of tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations. Individuals, sole proprietorships, federal entities, and foreign entities are not eligible.
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 3/2/27
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#) or contact TribalHV@acf.hhs.gov

Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Capacity Program

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. The purpose of the AIM Capacity program is to strengthen state, territorial, and Tribal capacity to implement, expand, and sustain AIM Patient Safety Bundles and associated resources across the United States. The program supports implementation of evidence-informed maternal safety practices to improve the quality and safety of maternity care, improve maternal health outcomes, and reduce preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity.

- **Who Can Apply:** Unrestricted
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 3/17/27
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#) or contact Wellwomancare@hrsa.gov

Elucidation and Validation of the Role of Transporters in the Placenta, Lactating Mammary Gland, Developing Gut, and Blood-Brain Barrier

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) intends to support the next phase of the Transporter Elucidation Network (TEN) to advance research on maternal, fetal, and child health. This initiative will improve understanding of how nutrients, medications, environmental chemicals, and other substances are transported across the placenta, lactating mammary gland, developing gut, and infant blood-brain barrier. The project aims to develop new research models and tools to strengthen studies of pregnancy, lactation, infant nutrition, pediatric pharmacology, and neurodevelopment.

- **Who Can Apply:** State, county, city, township, special district, and Tribal governments; public and private institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; public and Indian housing authorities; small businesses; for-profit organizations; eligible federal agencies; faith-based and community-based organizations; regional organizations; and eligible foreign institutions.
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 10/20/27
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#) or contact nichd_opptb_nofos@mail.nih.gov

Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Cohort Data and Biospecimen Access (X01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

This funding opportunity supports research and evaluation projects focused on

reflective supervision practices in early childhood home visiting programs. Awardees will partner with home visiting programs, including those funded through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, to study how reflective supervision affects home visitors, family relationships, and family outcomes, while also developing tools to improve program quality and effectiveness.

- **Who Can Apply:** Public and private institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; state, county, city, township, special district, and Tribal governments; public and Indian housing authorities; small businesses; for-profit organizations; and other eligible U.S. entities. Foreign organizations are not eligible to apply.
- **Deadline to Apply:** 3/1/28
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#)

Using Archived Data and Specimen Collections to Advance Maternal and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Research

This funding opportunity supports secondary analyses using archived HIV/AIDS data and specimen collections. The program encourages researchers to use existing data and specimens to examine the epidemiology, pathogenesis, treatment, clinical manifestations, co-infections, and co-occurring conditions associated with HIV among maternal, pediatric, and adolescent populations.

- **Who Can Apply:** State, county, city, township, special district, and Tribal governments; public and private institutions of higher education; independent school districts; nonprofit organizations; public and Indian housing authorities; small businesses; for-profit organizations; eligible foreign organizations; and other eligible entities.
- **Deadline to Apply:** 10/20/28
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#) or contact nichd_mpidb_nofos@mail.nih.gov

Early Immune System Development and Ontogeny (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

This funding opportunity supports research to better understand immune development during pregnancy, the early postnatal period, and childhood among infants, children, and adolescents with or without prenatal exposure to HIV or antiretroviral therapy (ART). The initiative aims to advance understanding of immune cell development at the maternal-fetal interface, T- and B-cell maturation, and both local and systemic immune responses to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

- **Who Can Apply:** Public and private institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; state, county, city, township, special district, and Tribal governments; public and Indian housing authorities; small businesses; for-profit organizations; and other eligible U.S. entities.
- **Deadline to Apply:** 11/05/28
- **Learn More:** Please visit [here](#)

Articles of the Month

CNN: [Maternal mental health is making headlines. Experts say it's long overdue](#)
NPR: [A midwife crosses 'maternity deserts' to make a difference for Black moms and babies](#)
Word in Black: [The Latest Tool to Help Prevent Maternal Mortality: Wristbands](#)
March of Dimes: [March of Dimes report reveals persistent gaps in maternity care access](#)
EBONY: [Meet Susie The Doula, a Birth Worker Advocating for Better Outcomes for Black Mothers](#)

General Resources

- The National MaternalMentalHealth Hotline provides free, confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for pregnant people, new parents, and their families. Call or text [1-833-TLC-MAMA \(1-833-852-6262\)](#). To learn more about the hotline or access shareable materials, please visit [here](#).
- The Office on Women's Health offers information and [resources](#) for recognizing postpartum depression, finding treatment, and accessing support.
- The [CDC Hear Her campaign](#) has resources for raising awareness of urgent maternal warning signs during and after pregnancy.

Follow us on X!

Have a question, feedback, or
something to be included? Email
us!

Visit Our Website!