



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

Reflective Supervision in Home Visiting Research Awards

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. 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:** State, county, city, township, and special district governments; federally recognized Tribal governments and organizations; public and private institutions of higher education; independent school districts; nonprofit organizations with or without 501(c)(3) status; public housing authorities; and for-profit organizations, including small businesses.
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 8/3/2026
- Learn more [here](#) or contact nicole.denmark@acf.hhs.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 [here](#) or contact TribalHV@acf.hhs.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 [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)

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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.
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 3/1/28
- **Learn more** [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** [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.
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 11/05/28
- **Learn more** [here](#)

Another Momnibus Bill, Underwood's Bipartisan NIH IMPROVE Act, Passes House

This month, Black Maternal Health Caucus (BMHC) Co-Chair Rep. Lauren Underwood (IL-14) celebrated another legislative milestone as the House unanimously passed her bipartisan [NIH IMPROVE Act](#). The legislation is part of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus, a comprehensive package of 14 bills designed to address every clinical and nonclinical driver of our nation's maternal health crisis. The legislation is co-led by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

“80% of maternal deaths are preventable—and the NIH IMPROVE Initiative is a key tool to stop them. I am so pleased that this critical legislation for moms and families has passed the House. The Momnibus continues to make incredible progress, and this leap puts us one step closer to seeing the entire package signed into law,” said Rep. Underwood. **“Since 2019, IMPROVE has invested more than \$200 million in life-saving research that will help end our nation’s maternal health crisis, which disproportionately impacts Black moms. This bipartisan legislation will advance maternal health research by permanently authorizing funding for this initiative and make sure NIH can continue this critical work.”**

In early 2019, Co-Chairs Adams and Underwood met with then-Director Francis Collins of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to urge the agency to do more to prioritize research that will help solve our maternal health crisis. In response, NIH launched the Implementing a Maternal Health and Pregnancy Outcomes Vision for Everyone (IMPROVE) Initiative later that year. Since then, Rep. Underwood has increased funding for the program five-fold through the appropriations process. For more information and a complete list of awards, [click here](#).

The IMPROVE Initiative supports research to reduce preventable causes of maternal deaths, understand and reduce disparities, and improve health care for women before, during, and after pregnancy. It includes a special emphasis on health disparities and populations that are disproportionately affected, such as racial and ethnic minorities, very young women and women of advanced maternal age, and people with disabilities.

However, this critical research program lacks a sustained funding source, threatening research outcomes and conclusions. The NIH IMPROVE Act would authorize \$63.4 million annually for six years to carry out the IMPROVE Initiative and support research on potential causes of maternal mortality and severe morbidity. This funding would be used to target disparities associated with maternal mortality and severe morbidity, reduce preventable causes of maternal deaths, and build an evidence base for improved care and outcomes in underserved maternal care deserts.

Articles of the Month

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute: [Most Community Health Centers Provide Prenatal Care, but One-Third Still Lack Services](#)

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services: [Illinois Medicaid Announces Coverage for Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Services](#)

Time: [Postpartum Psychosis is Rising. We Are Not Ready.](#)

Word in Black: [Black Maternal Health: A 360-Degree Look at Black Midwives](#)

Essence: [Prioritizing Our Peace: It's Black Maternal Mental Health Week](#)

PCORI's Biannual Maternal Health Webinar

As part of this biannual series, the **August 3rd, 2026**, webinar will provide an overview of PCORI's approach to maternal health research and insight from PCORI-funded co-investigators, Drs. Duryea and Nelson from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. The researchers will discuss their ongoing project comparing the effectiveness of two telehealth care models for improving the detection and treatment of maternal complications after giving birth. [Click here to register!](#)

General Resources

- The National Maternal Mental Health 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.
- [PCORI: PCORI's Biannual Maternal Health Webinar](#)

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