Improving Equity in Infant and Maternal Health

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NJ Equity Challenge

- Total infant mortality rate below national average.
- Infant mortality rate among Blacks is more than triple the rate among Whites and nearly double the rate among Hispanics.
- NJ has 2nd largest disparity between Black and White infant mortality rates.
- United Health Foundation ranks New Jersey 45th of the 50 states in total maternal mortality.
Nurture NJ – First Lady Initiative

First Lady Tammy Murphy invites you to

Family Festival NJ

Saturday, June 8, 2019
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Central High School
246 18th Avenue, Newark

Enjoy Children’s Activities, Food, & Prizes
Discover & Apply for Services

For More Information: familyfestival@nj.gov
Register here: firstladyfamilyfestivalnewark.eventbrite.com
Medicaid Initiatives

- Adding Doula Services Benefit
- Adding Centering Prenatal Visit Benefits
- Expanded Family Planning to 205%
- Adding Six-Month Coverage Post-Partum
- Creating Episode of Care Perinatal Payment Model
- Ending Payment for Early Elective-Cs
Public Health Initiatives

- Pregnant Women, Opioid & MAT Initiative
- Investment in Training Doulas and CHWs
- Home Visiting Expansion
- Moving on Maternal Depression Initiative
- Maternal Health Hospital Report Card
- NJ Maternal Care Quality Collaborative
Social Determinant Initiatives

- Nearly 100M in New Child Care Investments
- Expanded EITC
- Enacted Paid Sick Leave Law
- Expanded Paid Family Leave
- Enacted $15 Minimum Wage
- Launched pre-K and free community college
Path Forward

Building a framework for action to address:

- Institutional racism
- Toxic stress
- Implicit bias

Goal is to drive equity in the clinical setting, in communities and in policymaking.