



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



**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](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-lady-family-festival-newark)



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.