



Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative

Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful and Equitable Care Learning Community

Why?	<p>Black birthing people in Ohio experience a higher rate of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity than white birthing people. The Ohio Department of Health’s Severe Maternal Morbidity and Racial Disparities in Ohio, 2016-2019 report indicates that non-Hispanic Black women experienced severe maternal morbidity at more than twice the rate of non-Hispanic white women. In an effort to address these disparities, The Ohio Department of Children and Youth is supporting several initiatives, including the Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful, and Equitable Care (CARE) Project.</p>
What?	<p>CARE seeks to improve equitable maternity care for birthing people and their partners and is aligned with the Joint Commission’s Health Equity Safety Standards.</p> <p>In its initial pilot phase, the CARE Project is working with institutions and care teams in a Learning Community with 13 teams. Teams in the Learning Community are working to improve their readiness to ensure equitable maternity care through assessment, prioritization, and testing changes, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage institutional and maternity care leadership. • Improve collection and stratification of self-reported patient demographics. • Use site-selected stratified maternity outcome(s) to guide improvement. • Develop processes for patient and community feedback about maternity care and co-produced action plans. • Assess and respond to maternity patient health-related social needs.
How?	<p>Participating sites work and learn together to address processes and activities to provide compassionate, respectful, and equitable maternity care. Sites will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify an institutional sponsor and a physician and nursing champion for their team. • Partner with institutional and maternity care leadership to support changes to improve compassionate, accountable, respectful, and equitable care. • Review maternity care data to ensure collection of self-reported patient data and useful stratification. • Identify and collaborate with patients through direct response and community organizations for development of feedback processes and actionable plans for improvement. <p>In collaboration with the Ohio Hospital Association, teams collect data using a simple checklist about processes and activities in alignment with the Joint Commission’s Health Equity Safety Standards. Teams will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and submit measures at baseline and each quarter. • Participate in monthly calls with other participating teams. • Share learning with OPQC team and among Learning Community participants.
Benefits to the Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collaborative peer-to-peer learning and testing of best practices for decreasing gaps in outcomes and delivery of respectful maternity care. -Using site data to guide coaching to support change in processes and activities -Develop strategies which support the Joint Commission’s Health Equity Safety Standards across care settings.