

BLACK MAMAS MATTER

A TOOLKIT FOR ADVANCING
THE HUMAN RIGHT TO SAFE AND
RESPECTFUL MATERNAL HEALTH CARE

In the United States—unlike every other developed country—maternal mortality and morbidity are on the rise. Black women are 3-4 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White women are. This racial disparity has persisted for decades with little attention from policy makers.

This is a human rights crisis. We can do better.

THE *BLACK MAMAS MATTER* TOOLKIT IS A RESOURCE FOR ADVOCATES WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS.

The toolkit takes a human rights based approach to maternal health, identifying the rights of pregnant and birthing women and the corresponding role of government to ensure safe and respectful maternal health care for all.

The toolkit includes:

- a human rights brief on maternal health,
- a summary of maternal health research,
- an overview of policy solutions proposed by multi-sector stakeholders,
- talking points for state and national advocates, and
- a list of resources for those working on maternal health in the U.S.

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