

# Perinatal Mental Health (PMH) Initiative



## THE PROBLEM



**1 in 5 mothers** experience depression or anxiety during pregnancy or postpartum

Latina and Black women are **57%** and **41%**, respectively, less likely to receive treatment for maternal depression than other race/ethnicity groups.

In Illinois, from 2018-2020, **8%** of pregnancy-related deaths were due to mental health conditions resulting in suicide, and **32%** were due to SUD

- **Less than 15%** of women with maternal depression during pregnancy or postpartum receive treatment
- **Less than 9%** of women with maternal depression receive adequate treatment

Sources: Illinois Department of Public Health. (2023); Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health (2023)

## Perinatal Mental Health Initiative

**What is PMH?** Building upon the foundational work of the ILPQC Birth Equity initiative and the Mothers and Newborns affected by Opioids Initiative, the PMH Initiative will work to improve education on perinatal mental health conditions for clinical staff, patients and families as well as improve screening, treatment and linkage to resources for mental health conditions during pregnancy, delivery and postpartum.

## AIMS OF THE PMH INITIATIVE

**Greater than 70%**

of Illinois birthing hospitals

**ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE PMH INITIATIVE**

**Greater than 70%**

of PMH hospital teams

**ACHIEVING KEY STRATEGIES OF THE PMH INITIATIVE**

**Greater than 70%**

of pregnant women with current PMH conditions

**RECEIVE TREATMENT (MEDICATION OR THERAPY) AND CONNECTION TO RESOURCES PRENATALLY OR BY DELIVERY DISCHARGE**

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## KEY DRIVERS & STRATEGIES OF THE PMH INITIATIVE

### Provider Education & Engagement

Educate all providers on screening & treating patients with PMH conditions using a patient centered, trauma-informed care approach.

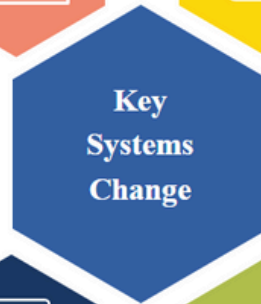


### Optimizing Treatment

Establish processes for assessing & treating PMH conditions in obstetric and other care locations.

### Patient and Community Education & Engagement

- Educate patients on PMH conditions, warning signs and hotline resources.
- Collaborate with patients & communities and identify community-based resources.



### Linkage to Resources

Enhance linkage to mental health services for improved care coordination and reduce barriers to access.

### Screening & Assessment

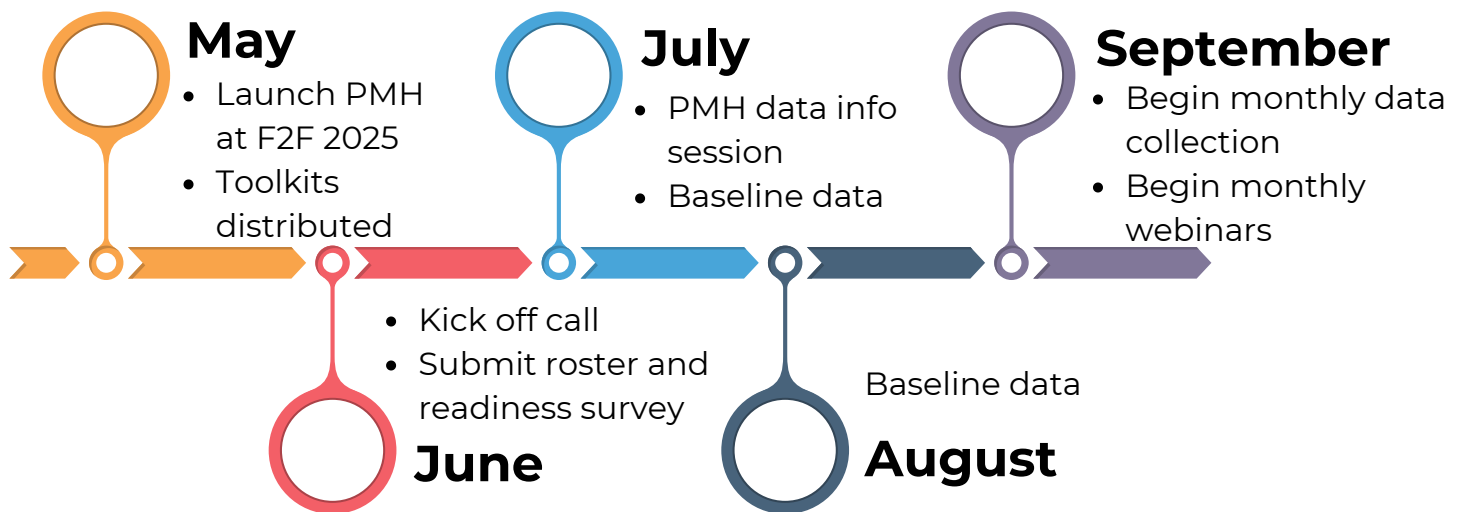
Enhance screening of PMH conditions in perinatal period.



### Ongoing SUD Work

Continue optimizing care of people with SUD through assessment & linkage to resources (DOPP, MAR NOW)

## TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS



**Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC)** is a statewide network of clinicians, nurses, hospitals, patients, public health leaders, and policymakers that aims to equitably improve outcomes and reduce disparities for mothers and babies. ILPQC provides opportunities for collaborative learning, rapid-response data display, and quality improvement (QI) support to achieve the initiative aims in each participating hospital.

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- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Health Resources and Services Administration

#### ILPQC is developing PMH with **KEY STAKEHOLDERS:**

- PMH Advisory Workgroup
- Obstetric Advisory Workgroup
- Obstetric Community Advisory Board

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