

I'M SPEAKING/TeamBirth Newsletter

Hello all, and happy 2026! As we go from the cool of winter to the warm days of spring our I'M SPEAKING team also had some changes. This year we welcome our two new Evaluation Coordinators, **Jasmine and Favour**. They are visiting hospitals and will be supporting your hospitals with PREM survey collection. Both Jasmine and Favour have various experiences and passions that they bring to our team. When you see them around make sure to give them a wave and say hello.



I'M SPEAKING NEW COORDINATORS



Jasmine Maldonado, MPH

Hi! My name is Jasmine Maldonado, and I am the new Research Coordinator for the I'M SPEAKING team and can support Spanish-speaking patients. I was previously at Rush and was a part of a research project that focused on young fathers and their pregnant partners. I am passionate about Maternal and Child health and working with communities to tackle health disparities. In my free time I enjoy traveling, baking, going to concerts, and spending time outdoors. I am excited to join the team, and I am looking forward to meeting everyone!



Favour Ojerinde, MPH

Hi! My name is Favour Ojerinde and I am the new Research Coordinator for the I'M SPEAKING team, assisting with PREM survey collection. I'm passionate about addressing health inequalities and developing solutions to close existing gaps, particularly in maternal and child health. In my free time, I enjoy fun crafts like crocheting and sewing. I am thrilled to be a part of the team!

I'M SPEAKING PREM Survey Collection Updates

As of February 2026, the I'M SPEAKING Team has collected **1870** PREM surveys across all participating sites!

I'M SPEAKING PREM Surveys
April 2025 – February 2026
Eligible Patients Invited N= 2547
Number of Completed Surveys N= 1870
Response Rate = 73.4%

The data from the PREM surveys support each hospital's TeamBirth implementation and Birth Equity sustainability efforts. These survey results will also be important to evaluate the impact of TeamBirth at your hospital and across Illinois.

NTSV Cesarean Data Collection

No matter which TeamBirth Wave you are in, please remember to submit your hospitals monthly NTSV cesarean birth data into the ILPQC Data Portal for Birth Quality Designation. This is the same data you have been entering for the Promoting Vaginal Birth and Birth Quality Designation. All TeamBirth hospitals will continue to enter their NTSV cesarean data throughout all waves of TeamBirth implementation.

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TeamBirth Updates

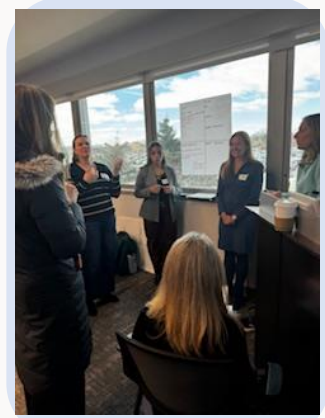
We are excited to announce that Wave 1 hospitals have launched TeamBirth! Wave 1 hospitals have been busy with in-person simulation training for providers and nurses and getting ready for Launch Events for going live with TeamBirth on April 6! At the Wave 1 In-Person Training for QI teams and TeamBirth champions on February 23rd the Ariadne Team and ILPQC Team led a day-long train-the-trainer session to help everyone get ready for TeamBirth. During these sessions, teams learned the key elements of TeamBirth huddles and practiced huddles in small groups and discussed key strategies to help clinical staff understand the WHY of TeamBirth and how to optimize shared decision making and respectful care through TeamBirth!

Overall, a great time was had during the training. We look forward to supporting Wave 1 teams as they launch and working with our Wave 2 and 3 teams to implement TeamBirth!

Wave 2 hospitals will Kick Off TeamBirth implementation on **April 13th, 2026** with their first learning session.

Wave 2 In-Person Training Workshop is on **June 29th, 2026**.

Wave 3 hospitals will Kick Off Teambirth implementation in **October 2026**.



Look below to remind yourself what Wave your hospital is in! If you work at a Wave 2 Hospital and want to support TeamBirth, become a TeamBirth Champion! Talk to your nurse leadership or QI leads and join us for the In-Person Training Workshop. Anyone who is passionate about promoting TeamBirth and Birth Equity at your hospital is welcome to come. TeamBirth Champions help by sharing enthusiasm for TeamBirth and why it matters!

TeamBirth Wave 1 Hospitals:

1. University of Chicago Medicine
2. Loyola MacNeal Hospital
3. Endeavor Health Evanston Hospital
4. Endeavor Health Elmhurst Hospital
5. Endeavor Health Edward Hospital
6. Rush Copley Medical Center
7. Mount Sinai Hospital
8. Memorial Hospital of Carbondale

TeamBirth Wave 2 Hospitals:

1. Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital
2. Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital
3. Loyola University Medical Center
4. OSF St. Francis Medical Center
5. Riverside Medical Center
6. Ascension Saint Alexius Hospital
7. Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest

TeamBirth Wave 3 Hospitals:

1. Endeavor Health Northwest Community Hospital
2. University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System
3. University of Chicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale
4. Endeavor Health Highland Park Hospital
5. John H Stroger Hospital
6. Northwestern Memorial Hospital
7. Rush University Medical