

Implementing a Maternal health & PRegnancy Outcomes Vision for Everyone (IMPROVE) Initiative Connecting the Community Research Showcase

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Location

NIH VideoCast and Zoom; registration is free but required

Purpose

IMPROVE is an NIH-wide initiative led by NICHD, ORWH, and NINR, with participation from multiple NIH institutes, centers, and offices, that was established in response to the rising U.S. rates of pregnancy-related deaths. This multipronged, innovative research effort is designed to address maternal mortality and morbidity, including severe maternal morbidity, and improve maternal health before, during, and after pregnancy. IMPROVE includes a special focus on health disparities and populations disproportionately affected, such as African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Hispanics/Latinas, very young women and women of advanced maternal age, and people with disabilities.

This showcase will spotlight the efforts of eight local community organizations taking part in IMPROVE's Connecting the Community for Maternal Health Challenge. This challenge's goal is to help nonprofit organizations overcome structural barriers and enhance their capabilities, infrastructure, and experience to compete for federal funding and conduct research projects to improve maternal health outcomes in their communities.

Through a series of engaging presentations, the organizations in the final phase of the challenge will unveil their current research findings, providing insights into the state of maternal health within their local communities. Presenters will share the lessons learned throughout their research journey and will outline their next steps, prompting discussions on how to translate research into actionable solutions to positively impact maternal health outcomes.

Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation to participate in this event should contact Amy Buckley at amy.buckley@nih.gov or 571-520-2279.

More Information

- [Register to attend](#)
- [Agenda](#) (PDF 82 KB)
- [Webinar recording](#)

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