

DC Health Strategy to Improve Perinatal Health Outcomes

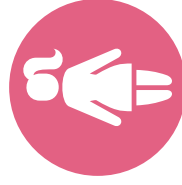
OUR FRAMEWORK to improve perinatal health outcomes is based on the overarching goal to ensure every community understands its health risks and role in improving perinatal health outcomes. DC Health identified seven core priorities that drive our programmatic efforts.

OUR APPROACH aligns with nationally-recognized best practices, and reflects the core principles identified to decrease perinatal health disparities and improve maternal and child health (Figure 1). The driving principles include:

- ☑ Using a life course perspective, recognizing that a person's health is determined by factors present prior to conception.
- ☑ Addressing social determinants of health, recognizing that poverty and racism profoundly affect psychosocial well-being and are major contributors to disparities in birth outcomes.
- ☑ Implementing systems level interventions, recognizing that addressing underlying [social] policies have broad impacts on improving health.
- ☑ Building collective impact, recognizing that sectors beyond public health and medicine must have a role in addressing preventable infant deaths to realize long lasting equitable outcomes for all of our families, regardless of race or place.



DC Health Approach to Improve Perinatal Health Outcomes



EVERY TEENAGE GIRL AND WOMAN in DC is in control of her reproductive health.



EVERY NEWBORN receives high-quality neonatal care in the hospital and outpatient setting.



EVERY PREGNANT WOMAN receives patient-centered, high quality prenatal care beginning in the 1st trimester.



EVERY PARENT has the life skills and resources needed to nurture and provide for their family.



EVERY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER has the tools and resources they need to provide quality care and manage complex social needs of women and infants.



EVERY INFANT, MOM, AND DAD has a safe and healthy environment to thrive and receive the support they need to promote early childhood development and learning.



EVERY HEALTHCARE FACILITY providing maternal and infant care has the tools and resources to practice evidence based health care and to document QI/QA activities.