

NCSL MCH FELLOWS KICKOFF MEETING

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MaternalHealthLearning.org



The Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center

The mission of the Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center (MHLIC) is to foster collaboration and learning among diverse stakeholders to accelerate evidence-informed interventions, advancing equitable maternal health outcomes through engagement, innovation, and policy.



Our Partnership

















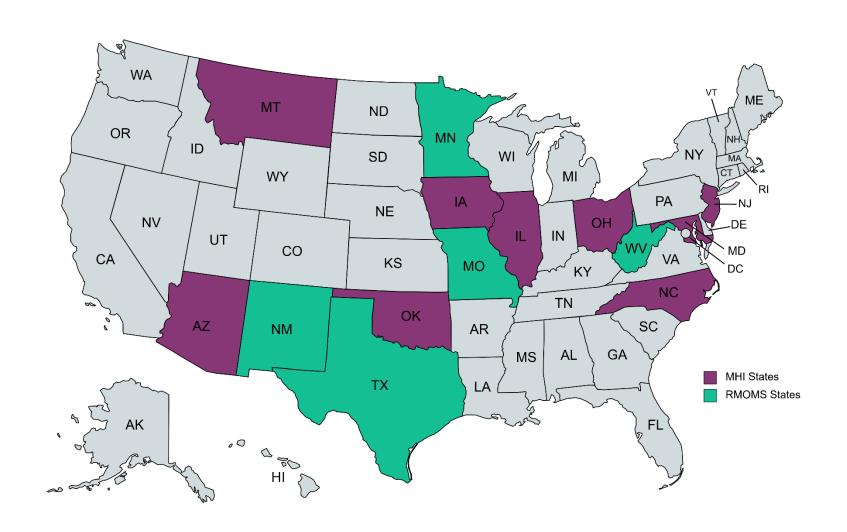
Learning Opportunities



- Learning Institutes, coaching and technical assistance for:
 - Maternal Health Innovation states
 - Rural Maternity and Obstetrics
 Management Strategies regions
- National Maternal Health Innovation Symposium
- Podcast Series on Maternal Health Innovation
- Technical Assistance
- Learning Webinars



State Maternal Health Innovation (MHI) Programs





Three charges for each Maternal Health Innovation state

Establish a maternal health task force & strategic plan

Execute on innovation in maternal health

Improve data collection & use



Policy Areas of Focus in Maternal Health Innovation States

- Expand or maintain Covid-established telehealth services to expand access to care, including specialists, mental health services, doulas, etc.
- Increase type and number of providers: doulas, certified midwives, etc.
 - -Reimbursement (by private insurance for doula services, for example)
 - -Scope of practice (e.g. doula certification, expansion of midwifery)
- Increase type and number of birthing facilities, i.e. birth centers



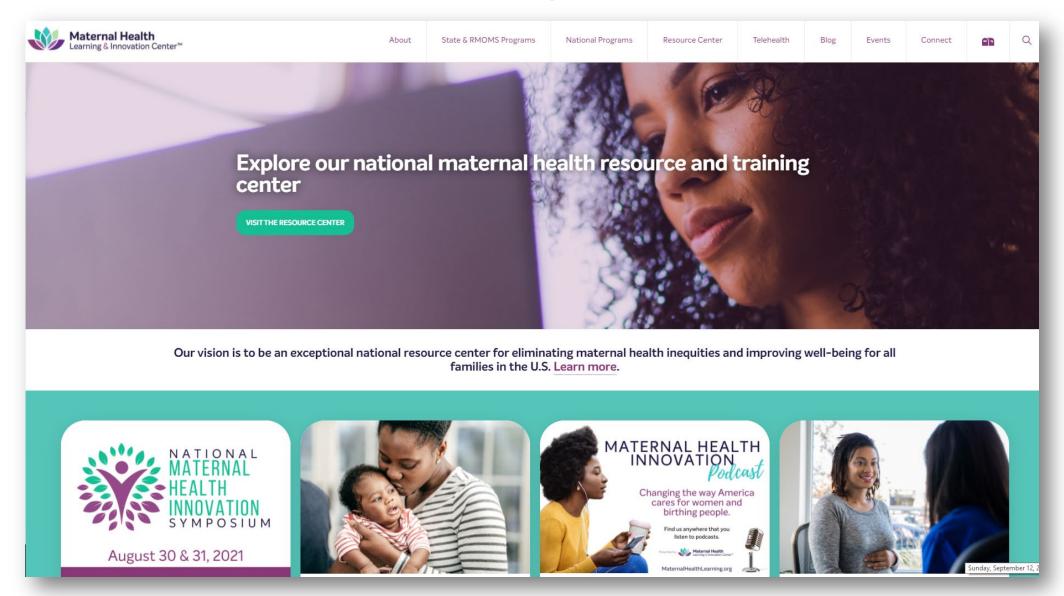
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- Establishing/funding maternal mortality/morbidity review committees
- Implicit bias training for health care systems
- Requesting annual data reports and alignment of state agencies re:

Extending Medicaid coverage beyond 60 days postpartum



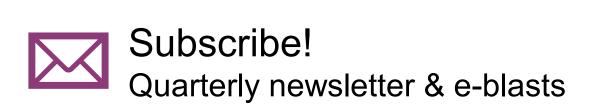
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