



# Maternal Health Summit

September 29 – 30, 2021  
Virtual Platform

Hosted by the Illinois Department of Public Health

## ATTENDEE INFORMATION

### Event Chair

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### INVITATION:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health and Family Service (OWHFS), we would like to extend an invitation to attend Illinois' first Maternal Health Summit. The purpose of the Summit is to convene maternal health stakeholders from around the state to identify opportunities to reduce disparities in maternal health outcomes and coordinate efforts to improve maternal health in Illinois.

Reaching Illinois women and families is at the core of every activity conducted by the OWHFS. OWHFS recently released the second Illinois Maternal Morbidity and Mortality report in April 2021. This report identifies statewide trends in maternal deaths and provides recommendations to help prevent maternal mortality. The Summit will serve as a time for maternal health stakeholders including advocates, providers, community members, and policymakers to come together and align efforts.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

Learn about factors contributing to maternal mortality in Illinois, discuss recommendations generated by the Illinois Maternal Mortality Review Committees, and develop specific action steps to implement programs and policies to improve outcomes for women and families across the state of Illinois.

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

This conference will address a variety of health issues unique to maternal health. Target audience is listed below, but is not limited to:

- Public health personnel and staff
- Community members and organizations
- Public and private sector health professionals
- Nurses
- Health educators
- Licensed social workers / Licensed clinical social workers
- Professional counselors / Licensed clinical counselors
- CHES
- Insurance providers
- Policymakers
- Survivors of severe pregnancy complication(s)

Check the [Summit website](#) for the most up-to-date information.