



# L.A. Care Healthy Moms and Babies

Improving birth outcomes for Black birthing parents, moms and babies



## Background

### The Problem

In Los Angeles County, Black babies are more than three times as likely as White babies to die before their first birthday.

L.A. Care Black mothers/birthing parents have the lowest rates for timeliness of prenatal care and a postpartum visit compared to other races.

### L.A. Care Barriers

L.A. Care is unable to quickly identify pregnancy through standard data collection methods due to untimely reporting and lack of uniform assessment, making it difficult for early interventions and timely service provisions.



## Program

**Goal:** To implement a high-risk pregnancy program to mitigate complications for high-risk, pregnant L.A. Care members, ultimately addressing disparities.

## Process

Black mothers/birthing parents have higher rates of poor birth outcomes

RESOURCES	ACTIVITIES	DELIVERABLES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Network of OB/GYNs</li> <li>Affiliations with various community-based organizations</li> <li>Social support services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and recruit OB/GYNs</li> <li>Implement a standardized high-risk pregnancy screening tool</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized high-risk pregnancy screening tool</li> <li>Develop a process for OB/GYNs to refer high-risk pregnant members to L.A. Care</li> </ul>

## Outcome

Improved outcomes for Black mothers/birthing parents and babies

SHORT TERM	INTERMEDIATE	LONG TERM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provider adoption of screening and referral form</li> <li>Launch of referral infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase attendance of prenatal and postpartum visits</li> <li>Enroll members into various support programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce preterm birth</li> <li>Reduce postpartum hemorrhage</li> <li>Reduce number of low birth weight babies</li> </ul>

