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AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE
SOUTH LA / SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

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For More Information Contact: SLASBAAIMM@gmail.com

 [@blackinfantandfamiliesla](https://www.instagram.com/blackinfantandfamiliesla)
 www.blackinfantsandfamilies.org



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

South Los Angeles/South Bay African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Community Action Team (SLASB AAIMM CAT)



2026



Who We Are

A collaborative partnership between LA County Departments of Public Health, Health Services, Mental Health, First 5LA, birth workers, community members, community-based organizations, health care providers, faith-based organizations, and businesses united in reducing the rates of African American infant and maternal mortality/morbidity in the South LA and South Bay community.

What We Do

We work to elevate the needs of the community and implement strategies by addressing the impact of racism, catalyzing community action, and promoting wellness and equitable healthcare strategies for Black families through our four workgroups:

- Family Centered Models of Care
- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Funders Circle
- Integrative Community Solutions

Every African American/Black mother/birthing person and child deserves a joyous pregnancy and healthy birth.

How Can You Get Involved?

We host regional meetings every other month. We encourage you to join us as we work together to end the injustice of Black/African American infant and maternal deaths in South LA and the South Bay.



2026 Bi-Monthly Meeting Dates



Community Baby Showers
Saturday, April 11, 2026
Black Maternal Health Week

Saturday, June 6, 2026
Juneteenth/Father's Day



Note: meeting dates are subject to change

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JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	COMMUNITY MEETINGS
<p>SLASB AAIMM Planning Meetings</p> <p>January 5th (Virtual) 2:00PM - 4:00PM</p> <p>January 19th (Virtual) 2:00PM - 3:00PM (Pending)</p> <p>Interested in becoming a planning team member?</p> <p>Contact: slasbaaimm@gmail.com</p>	<p>Integrated Community Solutions Workgroup Meeting</p> <p>January 14th (Virtual) 1:00PM - 2:30PM</p> <p>Contact: Stanis Askew skaskew24@gmail.com</p> <p>Caroline Orija corija@ph.lacounty.gov</p>	<p>Family-Centered Models of Care Workgroup Meeting</p> <p>No Meeting</p> <p>Contact: Ashley Skiffer-Thompson askiffer-thompson@ph.lacounty.gov</p> <p>Tanisha Rogers trogers@mva.lacounty.gov</p> <p>Funders Circle Workgroup Meeting</p> <p>January 21st (Virtual) 9:30AM - 10:45AM</p> <p>Contact: Kim Gray kimberly@maternalmentalhealth.org</p> <p>Meisha Thrasher meisha@gowrpotential.org</p>	<p>Community Outreach and Engagement Workgroup Meeting</p> <p>No Meeting</p> <p>Contact: Kimberly Barrow kimberlybarrow87@gmail.com</p> <p>Janay Ezekwe jezekwe@ph.lacounty.gov</p>	<p>Black Daddy Dialogue Social Support Group Meeting</p> <p>January 14th 6:30PM - 8:30PM</p> <p>Contact: LeHenry Solomon fathersforabrightfuture@gmail.com</p> <p>Davion Mauldin dmauldin@ph.lacounty.gov</p>

For more information about how to get involved with SLASB AAIMM CAT:
[Visit our website](#) or email us at slasbaaimm@gmail.com or ajones@ph.lacounty.gov (Adjoa Jones, SLASB AAIMM CAT co-lead)

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram:
@BlackInfantsAndFamiliesLA

Scan the QR code (use your phone's camera) to join our listserv:



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MLK Day Parade

Monday, January 19
Time: TBD
Location: TBD



SAVE THE DATE

South Los Angeles/ South Bay AAIMM CAT
African American Infant Maternal Mortality Prevention Initiative

BI - MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

A formal invitation with additional details will follow soon.

Click the icon to follow us for updates & more



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ACT NOW TO PROTECT BLACK MOTHERS AND BABIES.

We are uniting to celebrate and support Black mothers, babies, and families by providing culturally rooted care and advocacy, ensuring joyous and safe births for all.

The Los Angeles County African American Infant and Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Prevention Initiative brings together the Department of Public Health, First 5 LA, the LA County Departments of Health Services and Mental Health, community organizations, healthcare providers, funders, and community members.

Follow us: [@BlackInfantsAndFamiliesLA](#) for more information and to become part of the AAIMM network.
Learn more: [BlackInfantsAndFamilies.org](#)

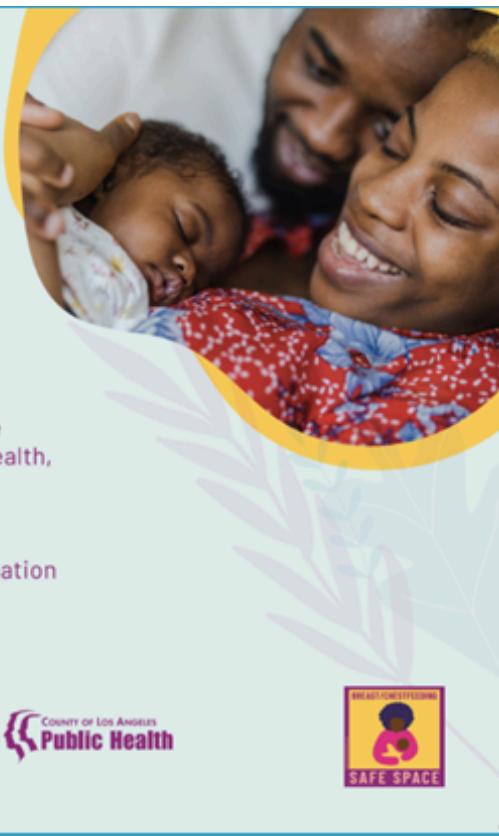


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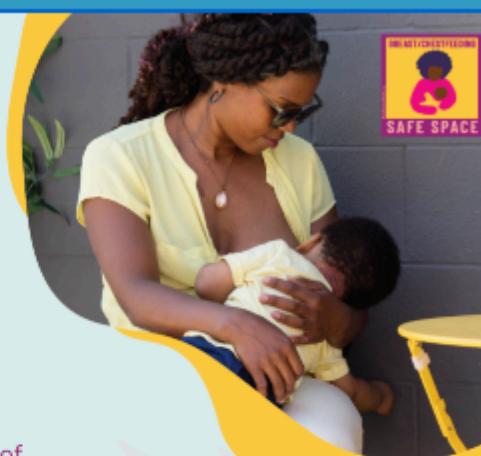
NURTURING RESILIENCE THROUGH BREASTFEEDING: A POWERFUL ACT OF RESISTANCE

In the face of ongoing challenges, the Los Angeles County African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Prevention (AAIMM) Initiative stands firm in our commitment to Black maternal health.

Breastfeeding is a vital act of nourishment AND a form of resistance. It is a reclaiming of control over our bodies, our babies, and our futures. Together, we will continue to ensure that the next generation is nurtured, protected, and empowered.

Find breastfeeding resources and support at:

[BlackInfantsAndFamilies.org](#) | [@BlackInfantsAndFamiliesLA](#) | [fb.com/BlackInfantsAndFamilies](#)



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MLK Community Healing and Trauma Prevention Center Free Workshop Schedule

January 2026

11833 S. Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles 90059

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AZTEC DANCE Healing through dance Every Monday 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <i>In-person, CER Room</i>	MINDFUL WALKS Mindful walks to bring focus and calm Every Tuesday 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM <i>In-person, Meet in front of MLK</i>	MINDFUL WALKS Mindful walks to bring focus and calm Every Wednesday 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM <i>In-person, Meet in front of MLK</i>	HEALING HORIZONS Provide trauma informed workshop for Willowbrook community members January 28 th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM <i>In-person, CER Room</i>	VIRTUAL CORE WORKSHOP Recognizing and Responding to an Overdose with Naloxone January 8 th 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM <i>To register contact Luis Renteria: 323-568-8188</i>	NO WORKSHOPS ARE SCHEDULED AT THE MOMENT
	MINDFUL MEDITATION Every Tuesday 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM <i>In-person, Healing Room</i>	VIRTUAL CORE WORKSHOP Understanding the risk of Cannabis January 7 th 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM <i>To register contact Luis Renteria: 323-568-8188</i>	NEW CHALLENGES Mental health support group with licensed clinicians Every Wednesday 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM <i>In-person, Healing Room</i>	CAFECITO CHATS Join us as we discuss mental health topics and enjoy a cup of coffee January 15 th 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM <i>In-person, Healing Room</i>	
	VIRTUAL CORE WORKSHOP Substance Use in Your Community January 6 th 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM <i>To register contact Luis Renteria: 323-568-8188</i>	BEADS & BONDING Exploring mental health first aid awareness through bracelet making January 14 th 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM <i>In-person, Healing Room</i>		TASTY THURSDAY FREE produce giveaway January 15 th 12:00 PM <i>*Until supplies last In-person, CER Room</i>	
		PAINT & SIP Canvas painting January 14 th 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM <i>To register contact: (213)822-4116 In-person, CER Room</i>		AZTEC DANCE Healing through dance Every Thursday 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <i>In-person, CER Room</i>	

Email: MLKHealingCenter@ph.lacounty.gov

Phone: (323) 568-8732

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SAPC Community Engagement

JOIN OUR MONTHLY WORKSHOPS Virtual Presentations

Tuesday
January 6, 2025
10:00am - 11:00am

Wednesday
January 7, 2025
10:00am - 11:00am

Thursday
January 8, 2025
10:00am - 11:00am

Substance Use in Your
Community



[Or, Click Here](#)

Understanding the risk of
Cannabis



[Or, Click Here](#)

Recognizing and Responding to
an Overdose with Naloxone



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OUR SERVICES



Substance Use
Disorder
Screening



Presentations



Referral for
prevention
and
treatment

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Upcoming Changes in California

Jul. 17, 2025

DACA recipients are no longer eligible for **Covered CA**.

Aug. 31, 2025

End of **Covered CA** coverage for DACA recipients already enrolled.

Dec. 31, 2025

Full scope **Medi-Cal** enrollment ends for adults with Unsatisfactory Immigration status (**UIS**).

Jan. 01, 2026

1. Restricted services for new Medi-Cal applicants, 19+ with **UIS** (emergency coverage + pregnancy related services).
2. End of GLP-1 **Medi-Cal** coverage for weight loss.
3. Reinstatement of **Medi-Cal** asset test for older adults and people with disabilities.
4. End of **Covered CA** enhanced premium tax credits which allowed many to enroll into a plan at a \$0 net premium cost.
5. Increased financial penalty for **Covered CA** enrollees who underestimate their annual income.
6. **CalFresh** work requirements and time limits.

Jul. 01, 2026

1. Adults with **UIS** will lose non-emergency **Medi-Cal** dental coverage.
2. **Medi-Cal** reimbursement rates for clinics reduced for **UIS** enrollees.

Oct. 01, 2026

1. California loses 90% federal funding match for emergency services provided to **UIS**, funding will drop to 50%.
2. Lawful permanent residents with less than 5 years lose non-emergency dental coverage through **Medi-Cal**.

Dec. 31, 2026

New open enrollment deadline for **Covered CA**. Shortened from 90 to 60 days (no longer until Jan 31).

1. Work Requirement for **Medi-Cal** coverage.
2. 6-month renewal requirement for adults receiving **Medi-Cal**.
3. Retroactive **Medi-Cal** coverage shortened to 1 month for those 19-64 and 2 months for all other applicants.
4. **Covered CA** financial help terminated for almost all lawfully present immigrants.
5. **Medicare** eligibility terminated for almost all lawfully present immigrants.

Jan. 01, 2027

\$30 premium for **UIS** individuals 19-59 on **Medi-Cal**.

Oct. 01, 2027

End of longstanding automatic **Covered CA** renewals. Enrollees must actively renew or face full, unsubsidized premium costs if missed.

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NEW YEARS RESOURCE FAIR

Friday, January 16, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

600 N Alameda, Compton CA 90221

Start your year strong--Build your future,
find resources, and win in 2026!

- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ On the Spot-Supportive Services
- ✓ Opportunity Drawings & Giveaways

For more information, contact:

tsomers@voala.org
ktrepagnier@voala.org

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SOUTH LOS ANGELES HEALTH NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING CALENDAR

The Health Neighborhood brings together community partners and community members to establish and enhance collaborative relationships and promote the integration of whole-person care.

2026 Meeting Information

11 am - 12:30 pm

January 8, 2026 (virtual)

February 12, 2026

March 12, 2026 (virtual)

April 9, 2026

May 14, 2026 (virtual)

June 11, 2026

July 9, 2026 (virtual)

August 13, 2026

September 10, 2026 (virtual)

October 8, 2026

November 12, 2026 (virtual)

December (no meeting)

The meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month and rotate from in-person to virtual. The in-person locations vary.

**The meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

For more information, contact
Kisha Thompson at
KThompson@dmh.lacounty.gov

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FAMILY CENTERED MODELS OF CARE WORKGROUP

Strengthening the Village

WORKGROUP GOAL

To reduce the incidence of Black maternal and infant deaths in South LA/South Bay (SPA 6/8) by strengthening the village of support to and around mother and baby.

FOCUS AREAS:

- Collaborate with LA County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium
- Support Fatherhood Engagement (Expectant Fathers and Black Daddy Dialogue)
- Collaborate with BreastfeedLA to support, promote, educate, and empower Black Breast/Chestfeeding
- Support Breastfeeding throughout SPA 6/8 and LA County

JOIN US

Every 1st Wednesday of the month from 12PM-1:30PM

Scan the QR Code to Join Virtually

Contact Us! | Debrina Campbell,
dcampbell2@ph.lacounty.gov



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BLACK DADDY DIALOGUE

OUR GOAL

Changing the Narrative of African American/Black Fathers and Families

WHAT WE DO

- Assistance for Black father/figures who support pregnant women or children 0-5 years old
- Loss/grief support services
- Feeding the mind, body and spirit of fathers to support the African American/Black mother

CONTACT US



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Fathersforabrighterfuture@gmail.com



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OUR AUDIENCE

Fathers/father figures of all ages raising African American/Black children are welcome!



VIRTUAL MEETINGS EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM

January 8, 2025	April 9, 2025
February 12, 2025	May 14, 2025
March 12, 2025	June 11, 2025



JOIN US

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/SLASBBDD>

Call or text DAD to (323) 745-2771 to learn about our Fatherhood Program

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LIBERATION LACTATION LOUNGE
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INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT
Join our FREE lactation clinic, a safe haven exclusively staffed by passionate Black Lactation Consultants (BCLC) and Lactation Educator Specialists (CES). We are here to help you achieve your infant feeding goals!

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON
By appointment only. No insurance required, and completely free. We offer support with:

- Breastfeeding Challenges
- Painful Latch
- Pumping
- Prenatal Lactation Education Classes
- Milk Supply
- ...And More!

TITTIES 'N TEA
A virtual and in-person support group of prenatal and breast/chestfeeding Black birthing people uplifting each other and building community. Come sip on some tea while getting the tea on lactation and more.

- Wednesdays 2:30pm-4:30pm
- RSVP weekly at tinyurl.com/tittiesntea

BreastfeedLA *motherhood* **VILLAGE FUND** **babycenter USA**

This project is funded in part by L.A. Care Health Plan and will benefit low-income and uninsured residents of Los Angeles County. Support is also provided by The Village Fund (African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Prevention Initiative).



SOUL MILK
"A safe space to share, heal and feed together"

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- Painful Latch
- Pumping
- Prenatal Lactation Education Classes
- Milk Supply
- ...And More!

VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUP
A virtual breastfeeding support group for pregnant and postpartum folks who compassionately uplift each other and build community. Come sip on some tea while getting the tea on lactation and more!

- Thursdays, 5pm-5pm
- RSVP weekly using the QR code

IN-PERSON SUPPORT GROUP
An in-person breastfeeding support group for pregnant and postpartum folks who compassionately uplift each other and build community.

- Raffle prizes
- Snacks & Beverages
- Kids friendly!
- Every 4th Saturday 10am-12pm
- RSVP using QR code

UC Irvine
School of Medicine **BreastfeedLA** **FIRST5** ORANGE COUNTY



black infant health
Empowering Pregnant and Mothering Black Women

Orange County

Parenting or Pregnant?
Black Infant Health (BIH) aims to improve health among Black/African American mothers and babies by empowering pregnant and mothering Black/African American women to make healthy choices for a brighter future.

SERVICES

- IN-PERSON SESSIONS for prenatal (10 sessions) & postpartum (10 sessions)
- LIFE COACHING and case management
- REFERRALS for family and healthcare needs
- SUPPORT SERVICES provided by an integrated team of professionals including a public health nurse and mental health professional
- CLASSES in breastfeeding, nutrition, and parent education
- BIRTHING INFORMATION and connections to vital care

ELIGIBILITY

- 16 years or older
- Identify as Black/African American
- Currently pregnant or up to 6 months postpartum

GET IN TOUCH:
bihoc@breastfeedla.org
or call: 714-834-7747



WE'LL HELP YOU GET THERE.

Paid Family Leave pays you up to 70 to 90 percent of your wages to bond with your child.

Go to <https://edd.ca.gov/en/disability/paid-family-leave/mothers/> to learn more.