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Upcoming Webinar: Racism, Domestic Violence & Black Maternal Mortality -- What Can Advocates Do?, Wednesday May 13



Join us for a webinar, co-sponsored with Ujima, Inc.!

Racism, Domestic Violence, and Black Maternal Mortality: What Can Advocates Do?

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Time (by time zone): 11:00 AM Pacific/ 12:00 PM Mountain/
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Register

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Description:

Over the past year, there has been increased attention on the poor health outcomes and inequities for Black birthing people. At the same time, many Black birthing people have experienced domestic violence. But how can domestic violence programs help address this crisis? This webinar will help advocates understand the unique and important roles that doulas and midwives can play in supporting Black pregnant survivors, and how domestic violence programs can partner with them effectively. Policy opportunities to increase access and improve the healthcare response to racism, domestic violence and Black maternal mortality will also be discussed.

1. Understand the intersection of racism, domestic violence, and poor maternal health outcomes for Black birthing people.
2. Define the roles and scope of doulas and midwives.
3. Build the capacity of domestic violence programs to partner effectively with doulas and midwives.
4. Identify policy opportunities to improve systems of care for Black birthing people.

Speakers:

- **Megan Simmons**, Senior Policy Attorney at Ujima, Inc.
- **Virginia Duplessis, MSW**, Program Director at Futures Without Violence
- **Jessica Diggs**, LA-based Midwife, Doula, and Educator
- **Malika Hook Muhammad**, Washington DC-based Social Worker and Doula

Thank you,

Lisa James, Director of Health

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