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NICHQ
National Institute for Children's Health Quality

NICHQ is committed to achieving equity in all forms, including race, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ability. As our equity work grows, our project portfolio continues to be a reflection of our dedication to ensuring every child reaches their optimal health.

details project's specific equity focus

equity

Equity Systems Continuum

In response to the impact of systemic racism and other forms of oppression on maternal and child health outcomes, this project aims to create tools for equitable change within both organizations and systems. Funded by W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Develops NICHQ's social justice and anti-racism platform and elevates partnerships with thought leaders in health and racial equity

infant health

Content Development for Newborn Screening Clearinghouse

NICHQ is managing all content for a new comprehensive web-based clearinghouse to raise awareness about the importance of newborn screening and help families navigate the screening process. In partnership with content expert Genetic Alliance, NICHQ is facilitating the development of up-to-date and state-specific web-content about newborn screening and its life-saving potential. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

National Action Partnership to Promote Safe Sleep Improvement and Innovation Network

This national effort aims to increase infant caregiver adoption of safe infant sleep practices as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), as well as breastfeeding, by empowering champions for these protective behaviors within systems that serve families at risk. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Affirms NICHQ's dedication to programs designed to address health disparities

National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives

During this five-year initiative, NICHQ serves as the coordinating center and provides expertise to state-based perinatal quality collaboratives with the goal of deepening and accelerating improvement efforts for maternal and infant health outcomes. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Uses quality improvement methods integrated with a health equity approach to impact populations disproportionately affected by adverse perinatal outcomes

New York State Maternal and Child Health Collaboratives

NICHQ is supporting the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) New York State Perinatal Quality Collaborative (NYSPQC) in their efforts to provide the best, safest and most equitable care to people in the perinatal period and their infants. This is achieved through the development and implementation of promising interventions in New York State birthing facilities. Funded by the NYSDOH.

New York State Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in Pregnancy & Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Project

NICHQ is supporting the NYSPQC's work with birthing facilities to improve the identification and management of the care of pregnant people with OUD, and to improve the identification, standardization of therapy and coordination of aftercare of infants with NAS.

New York State Birth Equity Improvement Project

NICHQ is supporting the NYSPQC in their empowerment of birthing facilities to: identify how individual and systemic racism impacts birth outcomes at their organizations; and take action to improve both the experience of care and perinatal outcomes for Black birthing people in the communities they serve.

Elevates NICHQ's commitment to address health equity targeting maternal mortality with a focus on racial disparities

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Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project

NICHQ, in partnership with the National Healthy Start Association, is providing a comprehensive capacity-building assistance training program for 101 Healthy Start programs nationwide. The training program includes technical assistance on high-priority topics, such as safe sleep, fatherhood and breastfeeding, and training for program staff on core competencies. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Aims to reduce racial and ethnic differences in rates of infant deaths and negative maternal health outcomes

special health care needs

Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes: Developmental Impact of NICU Exposures

In support of studying the long-term effects of environmental exposures on children who are treated in neonatal intensive care units, NICHQ provides project management and data management and analysis for participating clinical sites. Funded by the National Institutes of Health via the Children's Hospital at Montefiore/Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

Florida Children's Medical Services Learning and Action Network

By building the quality improvement capacity of specialty programs, this learning and action network will grow and support a high-quality system of care in Florida that serves all children and youth with special health care needs, regardless of insurance status and location. Funded by Florida Department of Health.

Hemoglobinopathies National Coordinating Center

NICHQ, with partner organization Abt Associates, is supporting a Hemoglobinopathies National Coordinating Center (HNCC) to help sickle cell disease (SCD) treatment demonstration program grantees – including community and federally qualified health centers – address structural and systemic barriers in their regions and implement evidence-based SCD care. The NICHQ and Abt Associates team are collaborating with organizations such as the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America to improve the quality of – and access to – care for SCD. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Addresses disparities in access and quality of care for populations most impacted by sickle cell disease