

ALABAMA MOMS ARE DYING

IT'S TIME TO SOLVE THE MATERNAL MORTALITY CRISIS

MATERNAL MORTALITY STATISTICS

UNITED STATES

700 Pregnancy-related deaths occur per year

3-4x Black women are 3-4x more likely to die than White women

60% Of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable

ALABAMA

41 Pregnancy-related deaths occurred in 2017

22+ 22 more Black women die for every pregnancy-related death of a White woman

21% Increase in pregnancy-related deaths since 2016

ALABAMA MATERNAL HEALTH RANKINGS

47th

Maternity Care & Infant Feeding

49th

Maternal Death Rate

46th

Health of Women & Children

THE PROBLEM

Alabama funds programs to review infant deaths, but does not fund a program to review maternal deaths. While a state maternal mortality review committee was created in 2018, it currently has no funding. As a result, there is a significant backlog of unreviewed maternal deaths.

THE SOLUTION

Alabama must provide sufficient funding for the MMRC to review maternal deaths, just as all of Alabama's neighboring states have already done. Why? A funded MMRC has helped states decrease their maternal death rate, with some having decreased by more than 50%.

FUNDING REQUEST

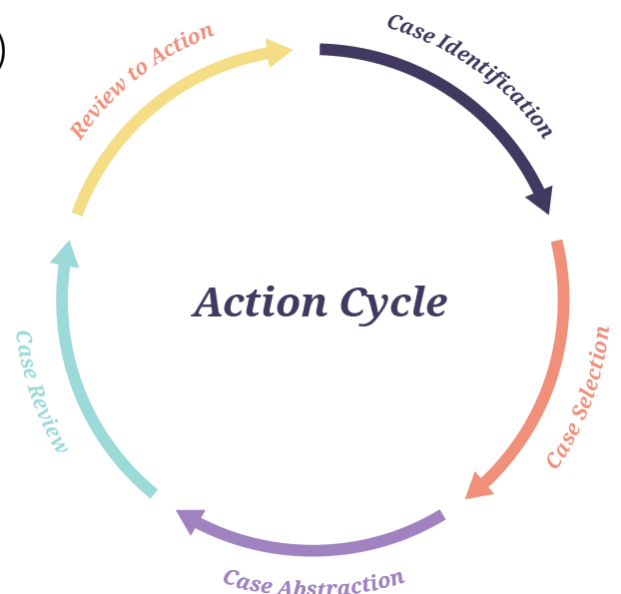
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$478,000
3 ADPH Case Abstractors	\$300,000
Review of Autopsies	\$108,000
Administrative Support Staff	\$45,000
Equipment & Supplies	\$25,000

ROLE OF THE MMRC

The Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) is a collaboration of agencies and professionals working to better understand factors causing maternal deaths and identify the strengths and weaknesses of current programs and services.

The overall purpose of the MMRC is to:

- Conduct reviews of each maternal death
- Create actionable prevention strategies
- Implement positive changes in health systems
- Reduce maternal mortality and complications
- Improve health for women, infants, and families



WHY FUND THE MMRC?

"When a mom dies, it is such a tragic event that impacts not only the baby but a whole family. **It's a reflection on the quality of healthcare here in our state. It's a failure of our healthcare system when that happens. We've got to do better.**"

-Dr. Grace Thomas, OB-GYN, Health Officer for Family Services at ADPH

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