



SUPPORT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH

Renew funding for proven statewide initiative that improves outcomes

In 2023 the Oregon legislature provided funding for the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative (OPC) to improve birth outcomes in Oregon. The US has become the most dangerous developed nation for birthing mothers and new babies and coordinated quality improvement through state Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (PQCs) like OPC is the gold standard for responding to this crisis. With legislative support, OPC is making a difference!

With stable funding from the legislature in 2023-2024 OPC has:

- Hired our first 3 full-time staff and increased our reach, capacity, and ability to provide consistent support to hospitals & other partners (previously limited capacity with volunteers and grants)
- Visited all 47 birthing hospitals in Oregon to ensure our programs reach every birth in the state and to learn how to improve our programs to meet hospital needs
- Run a statewide initiative to improve care and outcomes for severe hypertension and preeclampsia which are major causes of preventable harms and deaths in pregnancy and postpartum
- Developed a 5-year statewide initiative to improve care and outcomes for pregnant and postpartum people with substance use disorders. SUD is one of the main drivers of maternal mortality in our state.
- Increased partnership with doulas, community health workers, and community organizations to focus on equity and improve care for Oregon mothers and babies
- Expanded our work to address the congenital syphilis emergency in Oregon

OPC provides solutions to our maternal & infant health crisis. With continued funding, OPC can provide:

- Statewide coordinated quality improvement for maternal and infant health focused on reducing disparities by race and rurality
- Much needed support for quality improvement & simulation in rural and Critical Access Hospitals
- Infrastructure to rapidly reach healthcare providers and hospitals with information on best practices and changes needed to support the health of moms and babies
- An information and connection hub for diverse groups working on maternal and infant health
- An action arm for implementing the recommendations of Oregon's Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Review Committee
- Structure for coordination across Oregon's hospitals & health systems
- Momentum towards making this the best place in the US to give birth

With \$1.5 million for the 2025-2027 biennium OPC will continue to improve health outcomes for Oregon mothers and babies

SUPPORTERS

- March of Dimes
- Legacy Health
- Providence Health & Services
- Oregon Health & Science University
- Oregon Medical Association
- Healthy Birth Initiative
- American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists Oregon
- Oregon Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives
- Northwest Neonatal Improvement Priority Alliance
- Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine
- Oregon Midwifery Council