



With the launch of the Missouri Maternal-Child Learning and Action Network in 2018, MHA has served as a lead organization in the state impacting the care and outcomes of mothers and infants. The MC LAN was envisioned to support alignment, awareness and synergy of stakeholder efforts to improve the health outcomes of mothers and infants through one year of life. More than 50 stakeholders representing clinical roles, professional organizations, government agencies, community-based organizations and birth workers are represented. Much of this effort is funded by contract-based sources to complement the fiscal support MHA provides.

As of 2022, MHA leads and facilitates the Missouri Perinatal Quality Collaborative, which encompasses the MC LAN and Missouri's inclusion in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health patient safety bundles.

Missouri birthing hospitals and associated stakeholders currently may participate in several patient safety bundles, with additional quality improvement collaboratives expected to launch in the future.

- **MO AIM: Caring for Pregnant and Postpartum Persons with Substance Use Disorder**
- **MO AIM: Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy**
- **MO AIM: Obstetrical Hemorrhage**
- **MO NAS: Implementing Eat, Sleep, Console Assessment for Infants affected by SUD**

Missouri's PQC/LAN offers opportunities for stakeholders across the care continuum to connect, receive education and training, access subject matter experts and resources, and submit data toward quality improvement activities. It is directly connected to the Missouri Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board and develops actions in response to annual PAMR report recommendations. The following are a few examples.

- **QI Collaboratives** – Participants receive intensive technical support and guidance to implement and advance evidence-based practices to improve health outcomes, clinical effectiveness and operational efficiency.
- **Virtual and In-person Learning** – Multiple options are available to connect with other stakeholders across the state and nation, with access to maternal-child field subject matter experts. Platforms are leveraged to support shared learning and cross-sector collaboration.
- **Reports, Toolkits and Other Resources** – Supportive materials are developed for high-need topics and are distributed broadly to improve knowledge, reduce stigma and facilitate rapid implementation of evidence-based processes.
- **Research and Pilot Activities** – Current examples include The Cuff Kit™ project with associated research study, a study of patients' perceptions of maternal mortality and reviewing standards for postpartum care through one year post-birth.

The 2023 strategy includes efforts to continue advancing foundational knowledge and structures to support birth equity; the launch of a rural provider-focused Eat, Sleep, Console QI Collaborative; ongoing efforts to improve early screening and intervention for the mother-baby dyad affected by SUD; and refining communication platforms to drive awareness. This work, along with leveraging strong cross-sector partnerships, is designed to incrementally drive change to achieve the vision of “Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Healthy Missouri.”

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