



## **Maternal Health Summit for Title X Staff: Opportunities to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes Through Preventive Health Services and Supports**

**July 29 and 30, 2025**

[Kimpton Hotel Fontenot](#), New Orleans, LA

The **Maternal Health Summit for Title X Staff: Opportunities to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes Through Preventive Health Services and Supports** is a 1.5-day in-person event for Title X program managers and agency leadership. Attendees will participate in interactive sessions designed to support and equip Title X organizations with strategies and actions to address maternal morbidity and mortality within their agencies and communities. Participants will also identify opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of the role of Title X agencies in improving maternal health outcomes.

### **Summit objectives**

By the end of the summit, participants will be able to:

- Describe how Title X agencies can address maternal health through partnerships that expand access to preventive health services
- Identify actions Title X agencies can take to improve maternal health outcomes in the populations they serve
- Identify resources to support Title X agencies and their staff to deliver quality preconception health, maternal morbidity and mortality prevention, fertility awareness, and infertility prevention services

## Day 1 Agenda

8:15–9 a.m.	<b>Breakfast, RHNTC case study video, and networking</b>
9–9:30 a.m.	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b>, <i>Bemi Oworu, MPH, JSI; Fonda Ripley, MHS, JSI</i></p> <p>The summit will open with a reflection on Title X’s role as an upstream service provider within the system of care—one well-positioned to improve maternal health outcomes through the implementation of primary prevention and early intervention strategies in Title X agencies.</p>
9:30–10:45 a.m.	<p><b>Session 1: Supporting Maternal Health Outcomes by Retaining and Re-Energizing Your Team</b>, <i>Dr. Julie Rennecker, PhD, Syzygy Teams</i></p> <p>Title X agencies play a critical role in advancing maternal health, but workforce challenges—such as burnout and high turnover—can impact service delivery and client outcomes. This session will focus on strategies to strengthen staff retention and support within Title X agencies.</p>
10:45–11 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
11 a.m.–12 p.m.	<p><b>Session 2: Recognizing and Responding to Urgent Maternal Warning Signs</b>, <i>Meg Sheahan, CNM, MPH, JSI</i></p> <p>This session will highlight the importance of timely recognition of maternal warning signs in preventing severe complications and improving health outcomes. The session will offer practical guidance on how Title X leaders can support their networks in identifying and responding to early signs of maternal health complications—especially during the postpartum period. The presence of a patient advocate will bring a powerful, real-world perspective to motivate and inspire participants to take meaningful action and drive improvements in their networks.</p>
12–1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch and RHNTC case study video</b>
1:30–2:30 p.m.	<p><b>Session 3: High Impact Practice Sets (HIPS) for Maternal Health in the Outpatient Setting, Enhancing Postpartum Care: Lessons from HIPS Mini-Grantees</b>, <i>Allison Finkenbinder, MSN, WHNP-BC, JSI; Laura Spicer, WHNP-C, MyAlly Health; and Melette Bailey, RN, Miami County Public Health</i></p> <p>This session will present experiences from the field in implementing HIPS initiatives to promote maternal health outcomes through Title X services; and explore how participants can use the HIPS at their own agencies. Grantee panelists from MyAlly Health and Miami County Public Health will discuss challenges, successes, and lessons learned in addressing postpartum health needs, including continuity of care, patient engagement, and support networks.</p>

2:30–2:45 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
2:45–3:45 p.m.	<b>Session 4: Action planning breakouts</b> This interactive breakout session will engage attendees in focused discussions on topics explored in previous sessions. Participants will choose from three breakout groups: Lessons from HIPS Mini-Grantees; Recognizing Urgent Maternal Warning Signs; and Staff Retention and Support. Each group will explore strategies, challenges, and best practices related to service delivery, client engagement, and workforce sustainability, and identify actions to take back to their Title X project teams and networks.
3:45–4 p.m.	<b>Day 1 wrap-up and reflections</b>

## Day 2 Agenda

8:30–9:15 a.m.	<b>Breakfast and RHNTC case study video</b>
9:15–9:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome</b>
9:30–10:30 a.m.	<b>Title X and MCH Title V Programs: Level Setting and Opportunities for Collaboration</b> , <i>Naomi Clemmons, MPH, JSI; and Brittany DeWiitt, MPH, New York State Department of Health</i> This session will share opportunities for Title X agencies to collaborate with their state's Title V maternal and child health programs to increase the impact of both programs through partnership. The New York State Department of Health, a Title X grantee, will share their experience with and benefits of collaborating with their Title V partner program.
10:30 –11 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Session 5: Practicing Resilient Leadership to Support Maternal Health in Title X Settings</b> , <i>Mo Sook Park, EdM, i-D Leadership Consulting</i> As the rate of change increases with each day, Title X agencies require new tools and practices to be resilient and effectively navigate emergent realities. This session will explore three evidence-based effective leadership practices to support maternal health in Title X settings.
12:30–1 p.m.	<b>Day 2 wrap-up, closing activity</b>