



Maternal Health Summit for Title X Staff: Opportunities to Strengthen Health Systems and Provide Preventive Health Services and Supports

September 24–25, 2024
[The Morrow Hotel](#), Washington, D.C.

Day 1 Agenda

Time	Event
8–9 a.m.	Breakfast, RHNTC case study video and networking
9–9:20 a.m.	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>The summit will open with a reflection on the role of Title X 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>
9:20–10:45 a.m.	<p>EQUITY in surviving pregnancy and the first year of life... a dream deferred <i>Speaker: Dr. Arthur R. James, MD, FACOG</i></p> <p>The persistence of the racial disparity in the opportunity to survive pregnancy and the first year of life is one of the most problematic challenges facing maternal child health. What do the data tell us about this disparity and those for maternal morbidity and mortality? What is the root cause and what are we going to do about it? This plenary will take a deep dive into health disparities and the collective action required to achieve maternal and infant health equity.</p>
10:45–11:00 a.m.	Break

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11:00 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.	<p>Health systems strengthening for improved maternal health outcomes <i>Speakers: Christie Allen and Inderveer Saini, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Shanayl Bennett, Michigan Chamber for Reproductive Justice</i></p> <p>This session will explore system strategies and opportunities for Title X agencies to: contribute to improvements in maternal health outcomes (e.g., through preconception and postpartum health services); and address priority conditions, such as behavioral health and cardiovascular health.</p>
12:15–1:30 p.m.	<p>Lunch and RHNTC case study video</p>
1:30–2:30 p.m.	<p>Grantee panel and discussion <i>Speakers: Amber Rabines, Every Body Texas; Dr. Thérèse Obioha, Avenue 360 Health and Wellness; Kay Matthews, Shades of Blue Project; Jeni McDonald, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Dani Hallgren, Konza Prairie Community Health Center</i></p> <p>Title X grantees will share their maternal health-promoting strategies, including tips for Title X agencies embarking on this work. Discussion and opportunity for participants to engage with grantee panelists will follow.</p>
2:30–2:45 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
2:45–3:45 p.m.	<p>Reflection and action planning</p> <p>The RHNTC will facilitate discussion and action planning for Title X agencies to promote maternal health within their projects.</p>
3:45–4 p.m.	<p>Day 1 wrap-up</p>

Day 2 Agenda

Time	Event
8–9 a.m.	<p>Breakfast and energizer</p>
9–9:10 a.m.	<p>Welcome</p>

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9:10–10:15 a.m.	<p>Preventing and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence and Reproductive Coercion in Sexual & Reproductive Health Clinic Settings <i>Speaker: Dr. Karen Trister Grace, George Mason University, School of Nursing</i></p> <p>This session will review intimate partner violence (IPV) as a contributor to maternal morbidity and mortality, with an emphasis on reproductive coercion (RC), a type of IPV with particular relevance for sexual and reproductive health providers. We will discuss strategies for preventing and addressing IPV and RC, and ways to implement this work in Title X settings.</p>
10:15–10:30 a.m.	<p>Break</p>
10:30–11:15 a.m.	<p>STIs, Maternal Health, and Title X: Opportunities for Action <i>Speaker: Allison Finkenbinder, RHNTC</i></p> <p>Participants will review the impact of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) on maternal health, and discuss opportunities for Title X agencies to address STIs with prevention, education, screening, and treatment. Action planning will follow.</p>
11:15 a.m.– 12:45 p.m.	<p>Participant-driven “unconference” discussions</p> <p>Participants will identify topics for continued discussion from preceding sessions—or raise new topics of interest—for small group discussion, brainstorming, and action planning. These “unconference” sessions will take place concurrently. Participants will choose which discussions they would like to join.</p>
12:45–1:00 p.m.	<p>Day 2 wrap-up, closing activity</p>

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