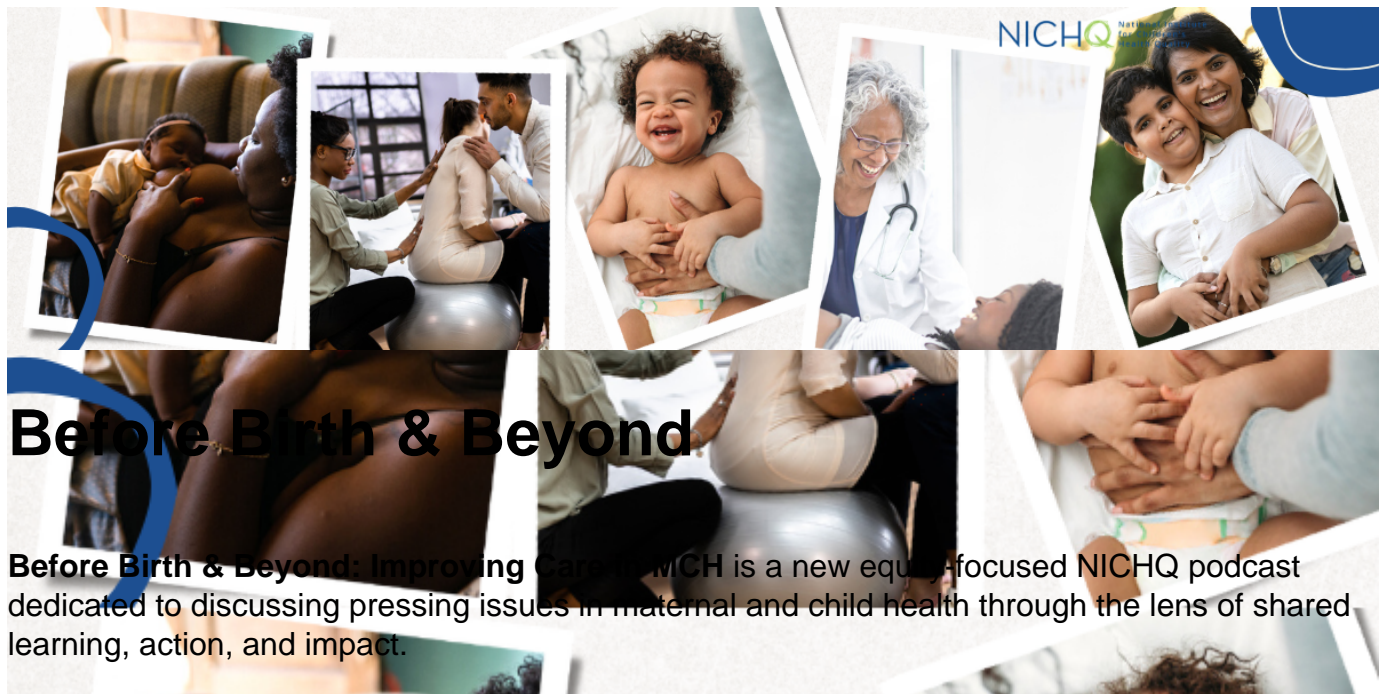


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## S2, E1 Show Notes

**EPISODE 1 SUMMARY:** In this episode of Before Birth & Beyond, celebrate Black History Month with NICHQ as we recognize the contributions of Black health practitioners from an equity-focused organization focused on training Black women and birthing people and providing direct services such as lactation support, prenatal and postpartum visits, continuous labor and birth support, and more.

### Main Story: Black History Month

**SEGMENT SUMMARY:** We're kicking off our new season by celebrating Black History Month and the legacy and contributions of Black health practitioners to the maternal and child health field. Mamatoto Village is a DC-based organization devoted to serving Black women by creating career pathways in maternal health and providing accessible perinatal support services that equip families with the resources to birth and parent on their terms.

**TAKE ACTION:** Join NICHQ in celebrating Black History Month, and learn more about NICHQ projects dedicated to improving perinatal health for all mothers and birthing people nationwide.

#### RELATED LINKS:

- Learn more about Mamatoto Village.
- Project Website: [National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives](#)
- Project Website: [Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project](#)
- Project Website: [New York State Birth Equity Improvement Project](#)

### EQUITY: NICHQ Launches New Virtual Event Series, "The Equity Exchange"

**SEGMENT SUMMARY:** Last month NICHQ launched, The Equity Exchange: Innovation in Reproductive Care and Child Health, a virtual event series dedicated to exchanging innovative ideas, learning and discussing emerging theories, and sharing resources and tools on topics related to equity in maternal and child health. Listen for a highlight from our first Exchange, focused on the state of diversity, equity, and inclusion in 2024.

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#### RELATED LINKS:

- Register for [NICHQ's Equity Engagement Hub](#)
- WATCH | [The Equity Exchange: The State of DEI + The Equity Systems Continuum](#)
- [Equity Systems Continuum Project](#)

### Why I Work in MCH

This month, we're joined by Beverly Reyes, MPH, NICHQ Project Coordinator, who shares her deep passion for equity and health care stemming from her family background and cultural experiences.

Learn more about Ana and the rest of NICHQ's team at <https://www.nichq.org/about/team>.