

NICHQ is committed to achieving equity in all forms, including race, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ability. As our equity work grows, our project portfolio continues to be a reflection of our dedication to ensuring every child reaches their optimal health.

 *details project's specific equity focus*




## equity

### Equity Systems Continuum

In response to the impact of systemic racism and other forms of oppression on maternal and child health outcomes, this project aims to create tools

for equitable change within both organizations and systems.

 *Develops NICHQ's social justice and anti-racism platform and elevates partnerships with thought leaders in health and racial equity*

### DREAM Learning Community

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is supporting Learning Community teams, made up of multidisciplinary groups of leadership, programmatic, and equity staff from selected maternal and child health programs, to build internal capacity to address issues of racial equity using data collection, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination. The Learning Community teams will use tools from the Racial Equity Data Roadmap framework developed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. NICHQ is conducting a process evaluation to assess the adoption and usability of the Racial Equity Data Roadmap and key satisfaction measures of the Learning Community teams. Funded by Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

 *Elevates NICHQ's commitment to address racial equity through shared learning and community engagement*



## maternal and infant health

### National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives

NICHQ serves as the coordinating center and provides expertise to state-based perinatal quality collaboratives with the goal of deepening and accelerating improvement efforts for maternal and infant health outcomes. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

 *Uses quality improvement methods integrated with a health equity approach to impact populations disproportionately affected by adverse perinatal outcomes*

### New York State Birth Equity Improvement Project

NICHQ is supporting the New York State Perinatal Quality Collaborative in their empowerment of birthing facilities to: identify how individual and systemic racism impacts birth outcomes at their organizations; and take action to improve both the experience of care and perinatal outcomes for Black birthing people in the communities they serve. Funded by New York State Department of Health.

 *Elevates NICHQ's commitment to address health equity targeting maternal mortality with a focus on racial disparities*



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## maternal and infant health

### Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Prevention Program

The purpose of this program is to reduce overall rates of SUID and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in SUID by supporting pediatric health care practitioners to provide evidence-based counseling and education to infant caregivers and families; to guide system improvements; and to identify and support policy changes that address state- and community-specific SUID risks. NICHQ collaborates with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on engaging a national collaborative to identify and promote community and state SUID prevention best practices. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau through a subcontract with AAP.

 Affirms NICHQ's dedication to programs designed to address health disparities


### Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project

NICHQ, in partnership with the National Healthy Start Association, is providing a comprehensive capacity-building assistance training program for 101 Healthy Start programs nationwide. The training program includes technical assistance on high-priority topics, such as safe sleep, fatherhood and breastfeeding, and training for program staff on core competencies. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

 Aims to reduce racial and ethnic differences in rates of infant deaths and negative maternal health outcomes

### UnitedHealthcare (UHC) Catalyst

NICHQ and UHC will implement a Proof-of-Concept project to demonstrate how a partnership between NICHQ, UHC, and Healthy Start can work with communities to address upstream issues that contribute to inequities in maternal and child health. By convening and coordinating the complementary initiatives of Healthy Start and UHC's Catalyst Center, this project will seek to demonstrate that aligning this work and leveraging resources can identify opportunities to accelerate progress toward equity by successfully identifying and addressing social needs among Healthy Start participants and increasing utilization of services. Funded by United Healthcare.

 Uses collaboration to reduce inequities in rates of maternal and child health outcomes and advance successful equity initiatives



## special health care needs

### Family Engagement and Leadership in Systems of Care (FELSC)

NICHQ, in partnership with Family Voices, provides quality improvement content and co-facilitation of monthly calls for five, one-year learning collaboratives focused on topics outlined in the MCHB Blueprint for Change. The Family Engagement and Leadership in Systems of Care (FELSC) program is designed to enhance engagement with families of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and individuals with lived experience, within the systems that serve them. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau through a subcontract with Family Voices.

 Aims to build family leadership and engagement skills for families of children and youth with special health care needs


### Florida Children's Medical Services Learning and Action Network

By building the quality improvement capacity of specialty programs, this learning and action network will grow and support a high-quality system of care in Florida that serves all children and youth with special health care needs, regardless of insurance status and location. Funded by Florida Department of Health.

 Supports quality improvement activities aimed at improving systems of care for all children with special health care needs and their families

### Hemoglobinopathies National Coordinating Center

NICHQ, with partner organization Abt Associates, is supporting a Hemoglobinopathies National Coordinating Center (HNCC) to help sickle cell disease (SCD) treatment demonstration program grantees – including community and federally qualified health centers – address structural and systemic barriers in their regions and implement evidence-based SCD care. The NICHQ and Abt Associates team are collaborating with organizations such as the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America to improve the quality of – and access to – care for SCD. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau through a subcontract with Abt Associates.

 Addresses disparities in access and quality of care for populations most impacted by sickle cell disease