

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.



maternal and infant health

Community-Centered Hospital Initiative (CCHI)

As the national coordinating center, NICHQ is partnering with community-based organizations to engage with hospitals and perinatal quality collaboratives on topics that are high priority to the community. CCHI will develop a replicable program model in a set of pilot states during the first three years, with expansion planned across pilot states and, ultimately, across the nation to achieve this new paradigm over time. Funded by The Studio @ Blue Meridian.

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

Enriching ECHO (Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes)

NICHQ provides data and project management support for a longitudinal research study about the effects of a broad range of early environmental exposures on child health and development. As 1 of the 45 awarded research groups, the overarching goal of the Enriching ECHO with High-risk Pregnancies and Children with Disabilities cohort is to advance disabilities inclusivity in ECHO research by enriching the research program in children with disabilities and by leveraging existing data from ECHO participants with disabilities.

***EQUITY FOCUS:** Supports research aimed at advancing disabilities inclusivity in ECHO research*

Equity Systems Continuum (ESC)

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.

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

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.

***EQUITY FOCUS:** 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 & Action Network (FL CMS LAN)

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

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

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Hemoglobinopathies National Coordinating Center (HNCC)

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.

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

Maternal Health Training and Resource Center (MHTRC)

NICHQ supports state-level Maternal Health Innovation awardees to implement effective strategies and innovations that positively impact Maternal and Child Health (MCH) populations, especially those experiencing the greatest disparities. The MHTRC will strengthen state- and community-based comprehensive systems of care for maternal health via responsive technical assistance. Funded by the Health Resources & Services Administration.

***EQUITY FOCUS:** Uses capacity-building and technical assistance integrated with a health equity approach to impact populations disproportionately affected by adverse perinatal outcomes*

National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (NNPQC)

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.

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

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Prevention Program

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.

***EQUITY FOCUS:** Affirms NICHQ's dedication to programs designed to address health disparities*

Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project (SHSPP)

NICHQ is providing a comprehensive capacity-building for 115 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.

***EQUITY FOCUS:** 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.

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

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