

NICHQ™ is committed to creating and promoting new approaches for lasting systems change in maternal and child health. Our project portfolio reflects our dedication to ensuring every child reaches their optimal 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.

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.

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 sequential learning collaboratives made up of five state teams. 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.

Hemoglobinopathies National Coordinating Center (HNCC)

NICHQ, with partner organization Abt Global, 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 Global 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 Global.

Improving Respectful Care Through Hear Her

NICHQ is in a unique position to provide Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (PQCs) with tools and resources, share strategies, and foster conversations about embedding respectful care practices. NICHQ will leverage its role with PQCs and the Hear Her Campaign to promote respectful birth and maternal care across health systems. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation.

Long-term Endotypes of Prematurity Associated Respiratory Disease (LEOPARD)

NICHQ manages the clinical data and provides support for a genomic meta-analysis about the respiratory and cardiac outcomes on child health and development of former premature infants. NICHQ will build, house, and maintain the data from three prospective cohorts. NICHQ will then merge and harmonize this data with data from three retrospective cohorts to produce a master dataset that will be used to address the project's research aims. Funded by the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

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Maternal Health Action and Resource Center (MHARC)

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 MHARC will strengthen state- and community-based comprehensive systems of care for maternal health via responsive technical assistance. Funded by the Health Resources & Services Administration.

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.

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.

PQC Demonstration Project

NICHQ, in partnership with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and AdaptX, supports hospitals in reducing maternal mortality by developing a maternal health improvement initiative with Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (PQCs) in Iowa and Alabama. The initiative will provide PQCs with the tools, training, and collaboration needed to improve maternal health outcomes. NICHQ is supporting the evaluation plan and implementing a CORAL platform for participating hospitals. Funded by Merck for Mothers.

Respectful Maternal Care Resources for Perinatal Quality Collaboratives

NICHQ supports the National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives in advancing compassionate, respectful, and culturally sensitive practices across healthcare systems. The project will ensure respectful care through the dissemination of toolkits, workgroup convenings, and quality improvement efforts that improve maternal and perinatal health. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation.

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