



TENTATIVE SUMMIT AGENDA

The aims of this Summit are to:

1. Provide education through presentations on research, policy, and community-based innovations focused on the health of Black women and birthing people and their families.
2. Provide a space for connection and restoration, particularly for Black maternal, reproductive, and sexual health/justice advocates, professionals, people with lived experience and students.
3. Convene diverse stakeholders to co-create and act on a shared agenda for Black maternal and reproductive health research, practice, and policy in North Texas.

8:00AM - 8:30AM Breakfast/Registration Check-In

8:30AM - 8:50AM Welcome/ Land & Ancestral Acknowledgements, and Community Agreements

8:50AM - 9:10AM Introduction

Provide an overview of trends and bright spots in Black reproductive and perinatal health in Texas and provide an overview of the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of the Summit.

9:10AM - 9:40AM Mate Masie Talking Circles

Mate Masie is an Adinkra symbol that translates to “deep wisdom comes out of listening and keeping what is heard”. This symbol is illustrated as four linked ears, which serves to remind people of the importance of listening and communicating. The Mate Masie talking circles are intended to be a safe space for informal discussion, reflection, bonding, and insight sharing.

9:40AM - 10:10AM Maternal and Reproductive Health Policy Panel

Featured Panelists: *Reverend Deneen Robinson, Director of Religious Policy Strategy, National Birth Equity Collaborative; and Devan Allen, former Tarrant County Commissioner, Precinct 2.*

During this session, panelists will discuss key policies (and their implications) for Black maternal, reproductive/sexual and infant health for the 88th Texas legislative session, discuss the linkages between key local and state policies and community-based work and engagement, and discuss ways to get involved in advocacy efforts.

10:10AM - 10:15AM Transition Break

10:15AM - 11:15AM Innovations in Maternal, Reproductive, and Infant Health World Café

Featured Organizations: *Abide Women’s Health Services, the Afiya Center, Let’s Talk PPCM*

During this session, attendees will learn about innovative programmatic approaches to centering Black people and their families, ways in which data and stories are being used systematically to guide Black-centered

programming and practices, and ways in which meaningful collaboration has been leveraged to meet the needs (and reinforce the strengths) of Black people and their families.

11:20AM - 11:50AM LUNCH/LUNCH SPEAKER: Erica Taylor

Featured Lunch Speaker: Erica L Taylor, Taylor Productions (Red Alert: The Fight Against Fibroids)

During this lunch talk, attendees will learn about the trends in uterine fibroid diagnosis and treatment among Black women and people with a uterus, understand injustices in treatment within the medical system, and identify strategies for self-advocacy and policy advocacy to improve diagnosis and treatment.

11:50AM - 12:00PM Energizing Yoga or Personal Break

12:05PM- 3:00PM: Research Agenda Setting Workshop/Breakouts, Report Out, Next Steps

During this working session, attendees will (1) identify key knowledge gaps (or issues needing more attention) concerning Black reproductive and perinatal health in North Texas, (2) generate key questions about lived experience, interventions, policy, or clinical care concerning Black reproductive and perinatal health in North Texas, (3) prioritize key questions that, if answered, could be used as a tool for policy, advocacy, and fund development focused on achieving equitable Black reproductive and perinatal health, and (4) develop a preliminary 'NTX Black reproductive and perinatal health agenda' which aligns with attendees' civic and organizational goals.

3:05PM - 3:10PM Re-centering Activity

3:10PM - 3:30PM Closing Remarks and Evaluation