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Black Maternal Health Task Force (GaBMHT)



ABOUT THE GEORGIA BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH TASKFORCE

The Georgia Black Maternal Health Task Force (GaBMHT), led by BMMA, is a statewide coalition advancing policies to improve Black maternal health outcomes through cross-sector collaboration, community engagement, and data-informed advocacy.

OUR WHY

Georgia consistently ranks among the worst states for maternal mortality, with Black women bearing a disproportionate burden of poor outcomes. These disparities also impact infant and child health outcomes across the state. Current policies and systems have failed to address these inequities. The GaBMHT creates space to analyze how policies impact Black women, families, and their children, identify structural barriers, and develop solutions grounded in community voice and equity.



POLICY PRIORITIES

These priorities emerged from BMMA's Community Policy Impact Assessment and represent the collective voice of stakeholders across Georgia.

- **Maternal mental health:** Expand coverage, reimbursement, and access; standardize and integrate mental health screening across all points of care; address stigma and build culturally competent services
- **Medicaid expansion:** Leverage expansion as a foundational tool for equity; address service gaps including transportation, childbirth education, and doula reimbursement; build accountability measures
- **Midwifery licensure:** Ensure full practice autonomy and decriminalization; address racial and geographic inequities; support workforce development and independent practice pathways
- **Doula reimbursement:** Ensure financial access through public and private insurance; guarantee sustainable minimum reimbursement rates; formally recognize doulas within the healthcare system
- **Hospital accountability:** Require transition periods and community impact reports for closures; invest in birth centers as alternatives; expand Medicaid for rural hospital financial stability

A COMPREHENSIVE GEORGIA MOMNIBUS

Based on findings from our Community Policy Impact Assessment, the GaBMHT sees opportunity to advocate for a comprehensive Georgia Momnibus. Similar to the federal Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, a state Momnibus is a comprehensive legislative package designed to address the full spectrum of factors driving maternal mortality and morbidity through coordinated, holistic policy reforms.



BMMA, Inc. (Black Mamas Matter Alliance) is a network of Black-led organizations and advocates advancing Black maternal health, rights, and justice. Learn more at blackmamasmatter.org and stay connected at blackmamasmatter.org/connect.