



Healthy Start  
Virtual Grantees' Meeting

Updates from the  
Division of Healthy Start  
& Perinatal Services  
(DHSPS):  
Maternal Health  
Investments

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# Division's Maternal Health Investments

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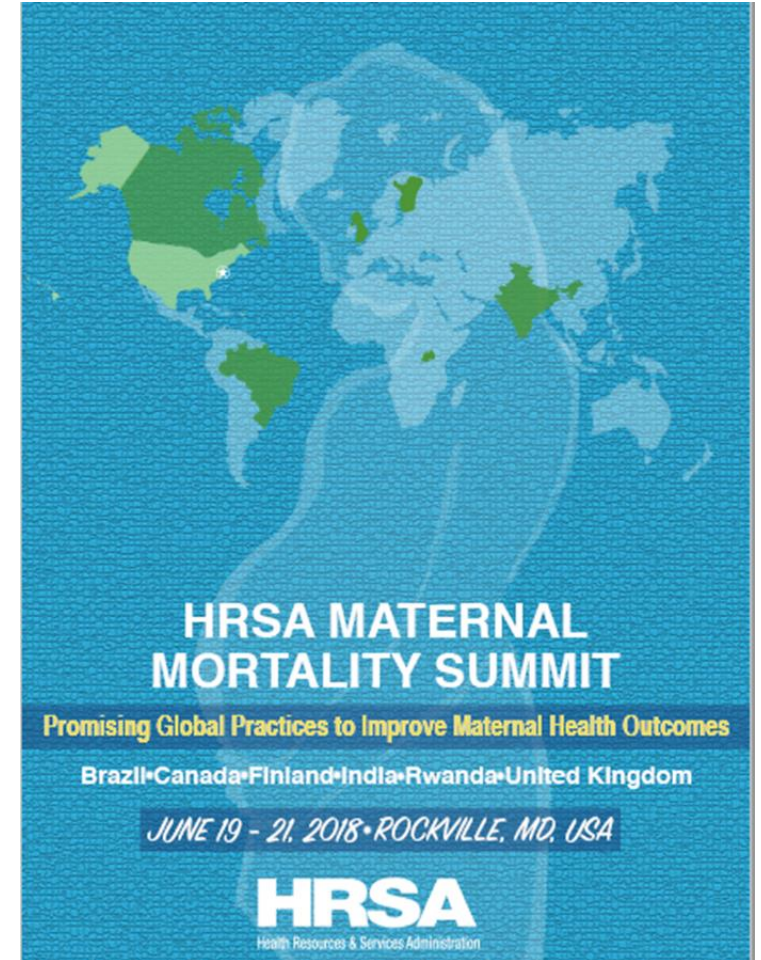
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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**

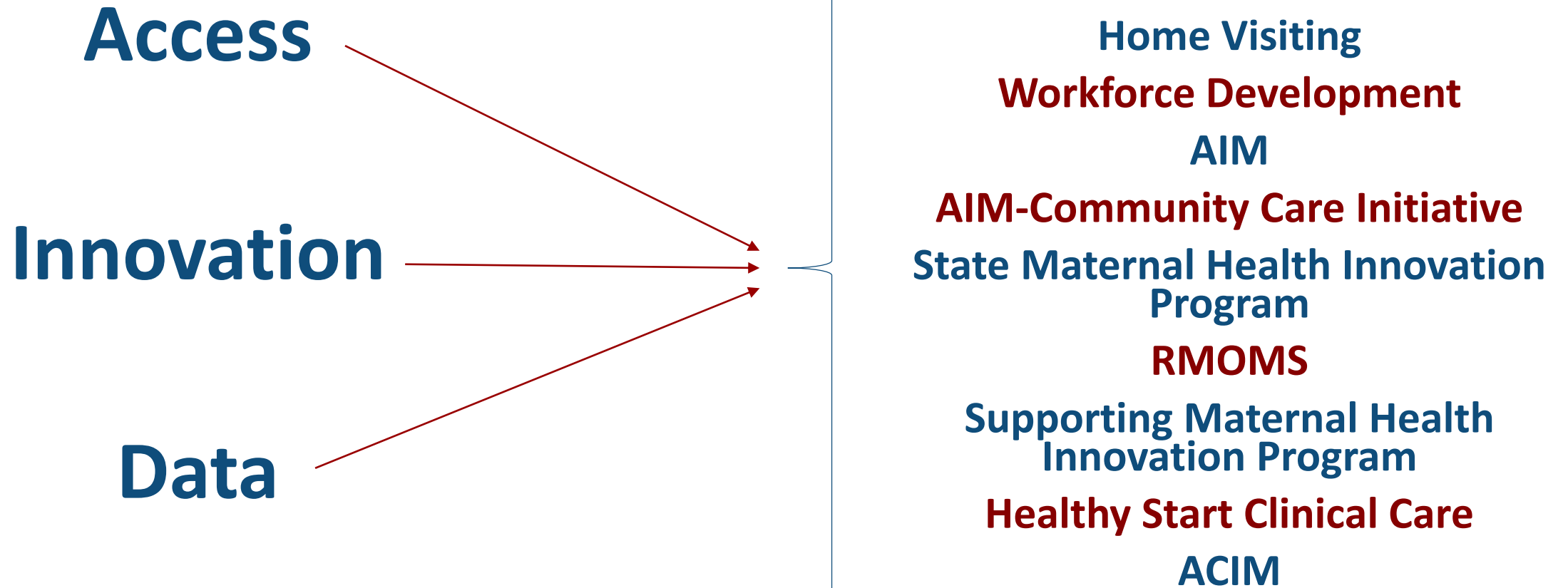


# Expanding DHSPS Maternal Health Portfolio

- Rate of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity higher in U.S. than other high-resource countries
- Non-Hispanic Black and American Indian/Alaskan Native women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy related causes than non-Hispanic White women
- Every year, over 50,000 women experience severe morbidity during delivery hospitalizations
- Every year, about 700 women die from pregnancy-related causes during or within one year after pregnancy



# Addressing Maternal Health

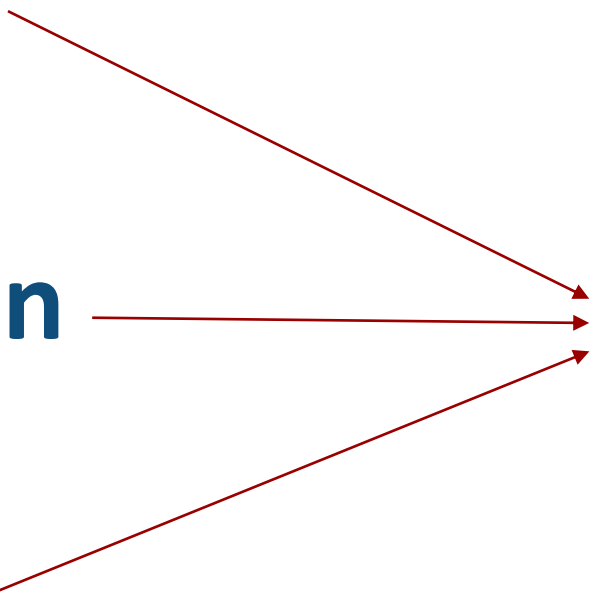


# Addressing Maternal Health

**Access**

**Innovation**

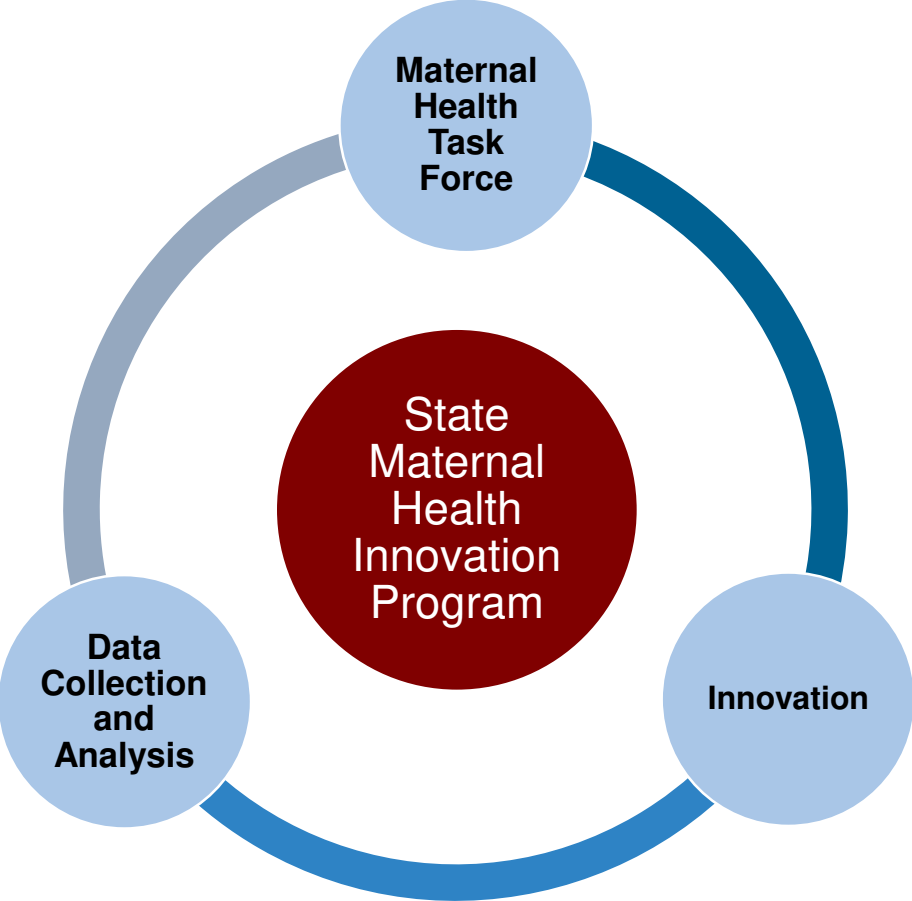
**Data**



- Healthy Start
- Title V**
- Home Visiting**
- Workforce Development**
- AIM
- AIM-Community Care Initiative
- State Maternal Health Innovation Program
- RMOMS**
- Supporting Maternal Health Innovation Program
- Healthy Start Clinical Care
- ACIM



# DHSPS Maternal Health Portfolio



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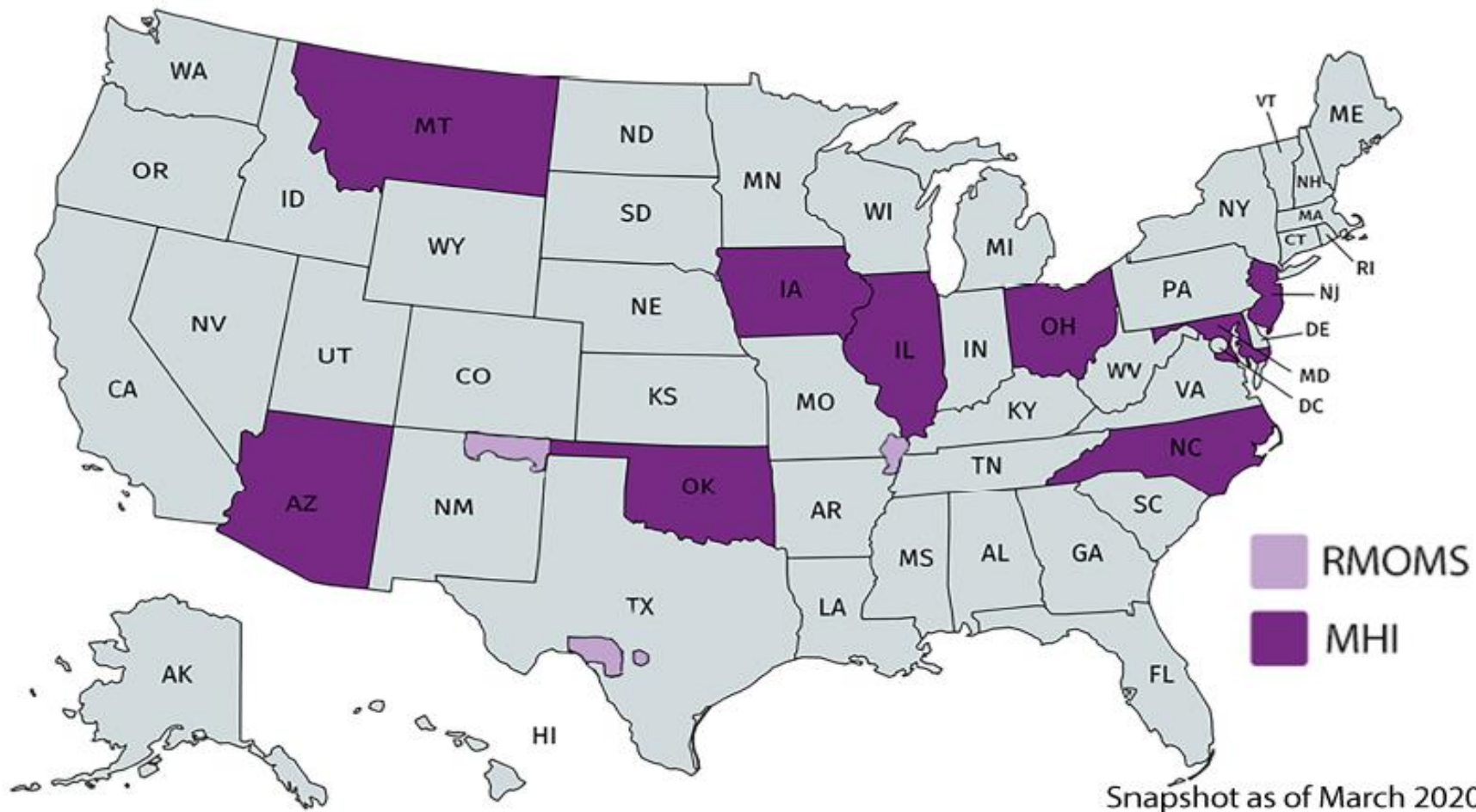
Women's Preventive Services Initiative



# Maternal Health Learning & Innovation Center™



# Map with State MHI and RMOMs

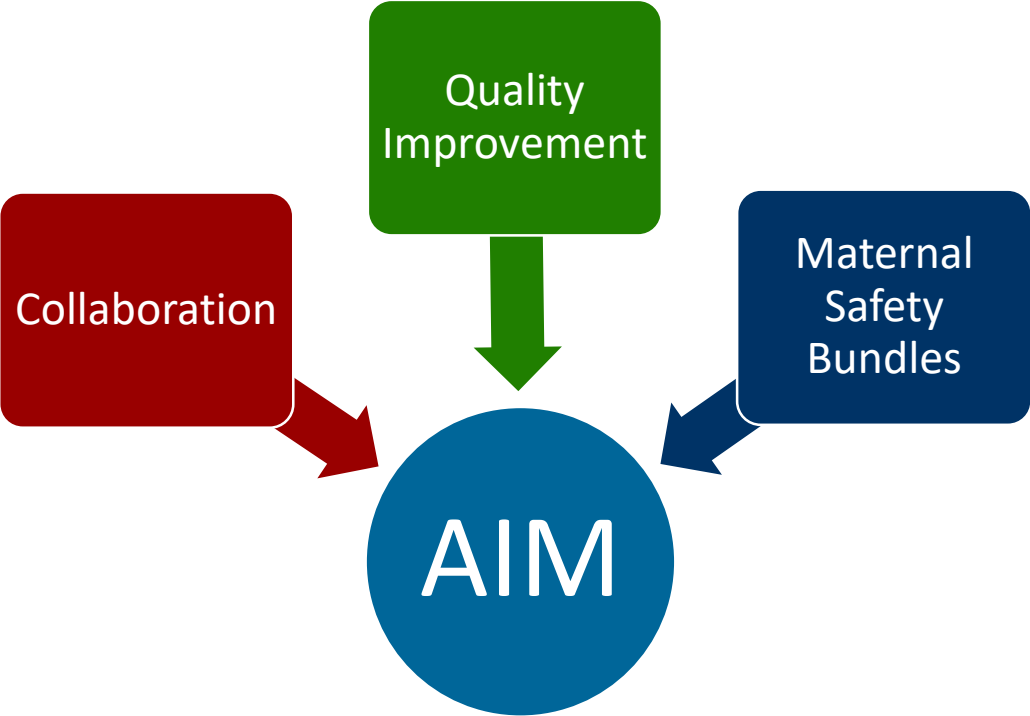


Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA); Maternal Innovation (MHI); Rural Maternity & Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS)





# DHSPS Maternal Health Portfolio





# Clinical Supplement

## \$15M in FY2020 Healthy Start Program for Clinical Supplement

- Approximately \$142K Available/Grantee



### Purpose:

- Increase direct access to well-woman care and maternity care services
- Hire clinical service providers (directly or through a contract).  
Examples of clinical service providers are: nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, physician assistants, and other maternal-child advance practice health professionals

# Examples of Clinicians Funded by Clinical Supplement

- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist and/or OB-GYN
- Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Social Worker
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant
- Behavioral Health Provider (e.g., Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Clinical Social Worker)



# Networking and Collaboration Opportunities

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- Connect and collaborate with award recipients located within your state
- Participate in applicable network approaches to coordinate a continuum of care
- Engage with other MCH programs who focus on improving maternal health
- Stay abreast of current activities focused on women's health

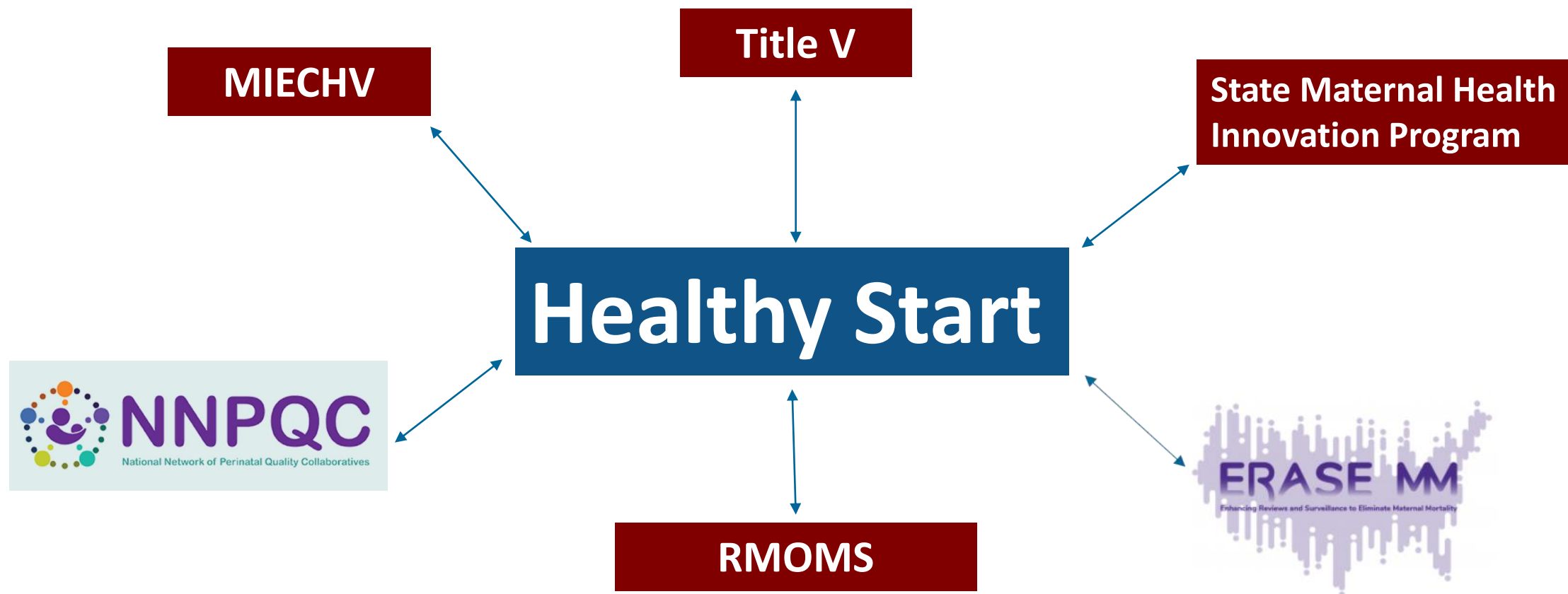


# Opportunities to Impact Maternal Health Outcomes

- Listen to women and families
- Ensure program activities are provided with an equity framework
- Be an advocate for your participants
- Educate participants on pregnancy warning signs
- Stress importance of reporting any warning signs to medical provider
- Encourage early initiation of prenatal care within the first trimester
- Screen for depression, anxiety, and substance misuse and ensure linkage to treatment
- Emphasize importance of attendance at healthcare visits including specialty care



# Potential Partnerships for Healthy Start Grantees



# CARES Act: MCHB Awards a total of \$15 Million to Combat COVID-19

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The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, received \$4 million for one year to support access to services and supports via telehealth such as virtual doula care, remote pregnancy monitoring and other evidence-based practices for delivering trauma-informed perinatal and behavioral health care for one year.





# Building Partnerships

Raising Internal & External Awareness of Division Activities

- Internal Bureau-wide Women's Health Workgroup
- Internal Bureau-wide Maternal Health Workgroup
- Federal Partners Workgroup to Improve Maternal Health
- DHSPS conducts regular collaborative calls with CDC, CMS, and IHS



# Questions



# Contact Information

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