

2021 Healthy Start Virtual Grantees' Meeting

Event Schedule

Tue, Nov 02, 2021

6:00pm

Click the [purple](#) session titles to view the recordings.

The Equity Table

[Click here to view the session slides.](#)

The Equity Table is a round-table discussion, which will be held the evening before the first official day of the Healthy Start Virtual Grantees' Meeting. The discussion will feature Art James, MD, FACOG, Janelle Palacios, PhD, CNM, and Denise Evans, MM, MA, RHCP and will be moderated by Kenn L. Harris. During the discussion, Art, Janelle, and Denise will explore the racism and inequities communities of color face in the United States, today and historically, and the subsequent impact on their health and well-being. Specifically, they will discuss the persistent disparities seen among Black and Native communities, both in maternal and child health outcomes and beyond.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Understand the impact of racism and inequities on the health and well-being of African American communities
- Develop a shared language around this topic

Speakers



Arthur James, MD, FACOG



Denise Evans, MM, MA, RHCP (she/her) Project Coordinator, Strong Beginnings - Healthy Start



Janelle Palacios PhD, CNM, RN Strategic Storytelling Consultant, Committee Member Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality (HRSA), Co-Chair Health Equity Workgroup on SACIMM

7:15pm

Networking Table

🕒 7:15pm - 8:15pm, Nov 2

Wed, Nov 03, 2021

10:15am

JavaTalk

🕒 10:15am - 11:00am, Nov 3

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Shayla Collins Mindfulness Facilitator, Rain or Shine Consulting, Seattle WA

11:15am

[Click to view the Day 1 morning plenary session slides.](#)

Plenary — Welcome & Introduction to the 2021 Healthy Start Virtual Grantees' Meeting

🕒 11:15am - 11:45am, Nov 3

Welcome to the 2021 Healthy Start Virtual Grantees' Meeting (VGM)! During this session, you will hear an introduction from leadership at the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, National Institute for Children's Health Quality, and National Healthy Start Association.

Before you join this session, please view this [Welcome & Introduction Video!](#)

🗣️ Speakers



Michael Warren Associate Administrator, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



Lee Wilson Director, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



Benita Baker, MS Healthy Start Branch Chief, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



Scott D. Berns, MD, MPH, FAAP President and Chief Executive Officer, National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)

11:45am

Plenary — The History of Healthy Start

🕒 11:45am - 12:15pm, Nov 3

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Healthy Start program, we will be kicking off the first day of the Virtual Grantees' Meeting with a History of Healthy Start! This session will feature Deborah Frazier, CEO of the National Healthy Start Association; Dr. Louis Sullivan who was the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services when Healthy Start was founded; and Dr. Thurma McCann Goldman, who was the first-ever Director of the Division of Healthy Start (now the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services). The speakers will share their unique connections to Healthy Start, in addition to providing a historical perspective on the program's 30 years of giving women, infants, and families a healthy start.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Understand how and why Healthy Start was founded
- Understand the role of the Division of Healthy Start in the program
- Understand the role of NHSA in the program

🗣️ Speakers



Deborah Frazier Chief Executive Officer, National Healthy Start Association (NHSA)



Louis W. Sullivan, MD Founding President of the Morehouse School of Medicine, Former Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)



Thurma McCann Goldman

12:15pm

Plenary — Saving the Future: We Must Shed Racist Medical Mythology to Free Children from Illness and Death

🕒 12:15pm - 1:45pm, Nov 3

Black children have always suffered outrageously high rates of illness, disability, and death. It is important not to accept this as a sad norm but to recognize this carnage as a manufactured product of four centuries of medical indifference and abuse. The challenges facing America's children of color are key to identifying real issues to craft the best possible solutions. Unfortunately, we have long been mired in medical mythologies about black children and their parents, from negative assumptions about parental fitness to outrageous mythologies such as 'crack babies'. More subtle errors also separate children from health such as the assumption to not include them in therapeutic clinical trials of medications or the blindness to the key role of environmental stressors in their health and brain development. Current research has pointed the ways to more accurate and efficient strategies, but we must be careful to purge the unexamined mythologies that hinder us from pursuing those steps and policies that will restore our children to full health.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Be able to cite, with examples, three medical myths that still affect the healthcare rendered to contemporary black children.
- Explore and be able to cite three discoveries that help rehabilitate the perception of black parents.
- Learn three important contemporary health issues that require greater attention from medical researchers and the healthcare system.
- Cite three health policies that will facilitate the reduction of racism and racial bias in the US healthcare system.

Speaker



Harriet A. Washington, MA Award-winning Medical Writer, Editor, and Medical Ethicist

1:45pm

Plenary — Whova 101 and Social Media Engagement

🕒 1:45pm - 2:00pm, Nov 3

During this session, Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC) staff will provide an overview of the Whova virtual event platform, including the many networking and engagement activities that participants can take advantage of throughout the Healthy Start Virtual Grantees' Meeting (VGM). They will also share information about the many ways to engage with TASC – and with each other – via social media during the VGM.

Speakers



Lisa Hong Technology Specialist, Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC), National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)



Domonique Davis Marketing and Communications Manager, National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)



Nikki Maffei, MSc Senior Project Manager, Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC), National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)

2:00pm

Optional CAREWare Office Hours and Networking Cafés

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● **Networking Café — Staff Self-care**

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● **Networking Café — Virtual Services**

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3:00pm

Breakout Sessions

🕒 3:00pm - 4:20pm, Nov 3

7 Subsessions

● **Breakout — Closing the Fatherhood Gap in Maternal and Child Health (MCH):
Moving towards Family-Child Health (FCH)**

[Click to view the Fatherhood Gap in MCH session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) & Healthy Start: Synergy for
Greater Health Equity**

[Click to view the FIMR session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Improving Perinatal Outcomes in Rural Communities**

[Click to view the Perinatal Outcomes in Rural Communities session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Increasing Evaluation's Transformative Impact**

[Click to view the Transformative Evaluation session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Perinatal Mental Health: Prevention and Support**

[Click to view the Perinatal Mental Health session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Social Determinants of Health through a Structural Lens: The Role of
Black Community Based Organizations in addressing Black Family Health Inequity**

[Click to view the Social Determinants of Health session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Working to Achieve Equity in Infant Survival**

[Click to view the Equity in Infant Survival session slides.](#)

4:30pm

[Click to view the Day 1 afternoon plenary session slides.](#)

Plenary — Collaborative Approaches to Addressing Maternal and Infant Health Disparities

🕒 4:30pm - 4:55pm, Nov 3

The Healthy Start program has made incredible progress and accomplished tremendous work over the past 30 years. The program's success would not be possible without its various collaborations and partnerships on the community and national levels. Similarly, the Women's & Infant Health team at the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) also works collaboratively with partners at the federal, state, and local levels to positively impact the health of women, infants, and children. This session will provide an overview of AMCHP and discuss key projects in the Women's & Infant Health team's portfolio. Specifically, the speakers will emphasize areas where Healthy Start Grantees are needed and necessary participants and collaborators.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Identify AMCHP as a key partner in the work of Healthy Start grantees
- Describe key national initiatives address maternal and infant mortality working in alignment with

Health Start

- Identify areas within national MCH initiatives that would benefit from Healthy Start representation

📣 Speakers



Kristina Wint, MPH Program Manager, Women's Health, Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)



Jessica Stieger Program Manager, Infant Health, Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)

4:55pm

Wrap-up

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Kenn L. Harris Executive Director & Engagement Lead, Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC), National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)

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Plenary — A Message from the MCHB Associate Administrator

🕒 11:15am - 12:00pm, Nov 4

During this session, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's (MCHB) Associate Administrator, Dr. Michael Warren, will provide an overview of the MCHB strategic plan, the Infant Health Equity initiative, and the Healthy Start program's accomplishments. The presentation will highlight the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services' (DHSPS) role in the MCHB strategic plan, and Healthy Start's contributions to achieving health equity.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Understand MCHB's strategic goals
- Be able to illustrate a road map to achieving infant health equity
- Learn about Healthy Start's accomplishments

🗣️ Speaker



Michael Warren Associate Administrator, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

12:15pm

Plenary — AIM CCI: A Community Approach to Improving Maternal Outcomes

🕒 12:15pm - 12:45pm, Nov 4

The Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Community Care Initiative (AIM CCI) is taking a unique approach to improving maternal health outcomes by partnering directly with local community organizations. Local organizations understand the unique experiences and unmet social needs of women / birthing persons in their region. Through this partnership, AIM CCI seeks to build a culture and structure of health care that ensures birthing persons receive equitable treatment based on all of their needs. During this session, the AIM CCI Leadership Team of NHSA will provide an overview of AIM CCI, including its goals, current activities, and connection with and potential impact for Healthy Start communities.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Understand the goals of AIM CCI
- Understand the connection between AIM CCI and Healthy Start
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with AIM CCI

Speakers



Ashley Calderone Clinical Implementation Manager, AIM CCI, National Healthy Start Association (NHSA)



Lidyvez Sawyer Equity Implementation Strategist, AIM CCI, National Healthy Start Association (NHSA)



Karen A. Chustz Senior Program Manager, AIM CCI, National Healthy Start Association (NHSA)



Saanie Sulley, MD, PhD, MBA Data Manager and Analyst, AIM CCI, National Healthy Start Association (NHSA)

12:45pm

Plenary — Healthy Start TA & Support Center Mental Health Training Opportunities

🕒 12:45pm - 1:15pm, Nov 4

With support from MCHB's Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), the Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC) is pleased to offer a variety of mental health training opportunities to Healthy Start staff members. This session will share an overview of TASC's various mental health training and support offerings, including the Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training; Shades of Blue's INSPIRE Training; the Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented, and Equitable Care Community of Practice (TIROE CoP); and the Postpartum Support International (PSI) Healthy Start Staff Support Groups, among others. Healthy Start staff members who have participated in these offerings will share their experiences and DHSPS' Behavioral Health Lead, Dawn Levinson, MSW, will discuss the role of mental and behavioral health within Healthy Start.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Learn about the TA & Support Center's various mental and behavioral health offerings
- Understand the usefulness of these trainings to their everyday work with Healthy Start clients
- Understand the process of learning about and applying for training opportunities

Speakers



Olivia Giordano Kean, MPH Project Manager, Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC), National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)



Duane L. Herron Maternal and Child Health Supervisor/Director, Lucas County Healthy Start, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department



Tashonna Perry Case Manager, MomsFirst Healthy Start



Dawn Levinson, MSW Behavioral Health Lead, Interim Deputy Director, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



Sunny Jones Public Health Educator, Syracuse Healthy Start



Wendy N. Davis, PhD, PMH-C Executive Director, Postpartum Support International (PSI)

1:15pm

Plenary — Grants Management

🕒 1:15pm - 1:45pm, Nov 4

During this session, HRSA Grants Management Specialist, Tonya Randall, will share essential information related to managing Healthy Start grants, including helpful tips and reminders. Specifically, she will discuss the Notice of Award (NoA), Expanded Authority, and Prior Approvals, such as carryover and revised budget requests.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Develop a deeper understanding of NoAs, Expanded Authority, and Prior Approvals
- Learn helpful tips related to grants management
- Hear reminders related to grants management

🗣️ Speakers



Tonya Randall Grants Management Specialist, Office of Financial Assistance Management (OFAM), Division of Grants Management Operations, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



Cardora Barnes Acting Team Lead and Project Officer, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

1:45pm

Plenary — Healthy Starts at Home: Cross-Sector Opportunities to Advance Maternal and Child Health through Housing

🕒 1:45pm - 2:00pm, Nov 4

During this session, Dr. Richard Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will discuss the link between maternal and child health and housing status. Emerging research in this space will be summarized and opportunities for cross-sector collaboration will be presented.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Describe cross-sector emerging policies and practices that highlight the connection between housing and maternal and child health.
- Identify at least one opportunity to incorporate housing as a social determinant of health into programming.

🗣️ Speaker



Richard Cho, PhD Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

2:00pm

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- **Breakout — Building Community Partnerships to Promote and Support Breastfeeding**

[Click to view the Community Partnerships to Support Breastfeeding session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Past, Present, and Future of CAREWare for Healthy Start**

[Click to view the CAREWare session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — COVID-19 From Consumers' Perspectives**

[Click to view the COVID-19 from Consumers' Perspective session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — How to Build Engaging and Effective Hybrid Services**

[Click to view the Hybrid Services session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Quality Improvement Strategies for Recruitment & Retention**

[Click to view the Quality Improvement Strategies session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Successful Healthy Start Collaborations & Partnerships**

[Click to view the Healthy Start Collaborations & Partnerships session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — Taking Time for Self-Compassion and Resiliency**

[Click to view the Self-Compassion and Resiliency session slides.](#)

● **Breakout — The Good The Bad The Ugly: Benefits and Barriers in Meeting the Benchmark of Serving 100 Fathers**

[Click to view the Fatherhood Benchmark Benefits & Barriers session slides.](#)

4:25pm [Click to view the Day 2 afternoon plenary session slides.](#)

Plenary — Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services Update

🕒 4:25pm - 4:55pm, Nov 4

During this session, leadership from MCHB's Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS) will provide an overview of the DHSPS program's portfolio. Lee Wilson and Benita Baker will highlight the Division's priorities for both the Healthy Start branch and the Maternal and Women's Health branch. They will also discuss DHSPS' accomplishments and the strategic direction for the Division.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Understand DHSPS' program portfolio and priorities
- Understand the strategic direction for DHSPS
- Be able to identify opportunities for collaboration within and beyond the Healthy Start community

🗣️ Speakers



Lee Wilson Director, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



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Plenary — National Healthy Start Evaluation: Overview of Development and Next Steps

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This session will provide an overview of the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) national Healthy Start evaluation effort (2021-2025). During the session, the speakers will describe the process that led to the development of the evaluation design plan. They will also provide an overview of the evaluation components, the key evaluation questions, the data collection methods, and the role and participation of the grantees in the evaluation.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Learn about the goals of the forthcoming national Healthy Start evaluation and the key questions that it will address
- Be able to differentiate the different types of data that will be collected for the evaluation
- Understand the timeline for the data collection efforts
- Learn about their role in the evaluation
- Share their needs for capacity building and support to participate in the evaluation

🗣️ Speakers



Ada Determan, PhD, MPH Health Scientist, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)



Saloni Sapru, PhD Senior Study Director, Westat



Judy Harvilchuck, PhD Public Health Analyst, Health Resources and Services Administration

12:15pm

Plenary — From Slavery to Sovereignty: Reclaiming Our Stories, Reframing Our Statistics, and Validating Our Solutions to Advance SACRED Births in Hospital Settings

🕒 12:15pm - 1:30pm, Nov 5

The session situates the medical industrial complex and quality improvement leadership, ethics, knowledge, and practices within the historical context of legalized sexual and reproductive oppression, exploitation, extraction, and experimentation of enslaved, diseased, and/or dead Black women, girls, and

gender expansive people. The session serves as a call to action to uncover, interrogate, and dismantle hierarchies of healthcare and humanity using frameworks such as reproductive and perinatal apartheid, Sojourner syndrome, obstetric racism, reproductive justice, and cultural rigor. The session introduces the concepts of the 4Ts (truth, trust, transparency, and transformation) and the seven quality improvement pain points (ethics, knowledge, leadership, science, measurement strategies, data quality and accessibility, and community participation and partnership) as key drivers of the perinatal death/near death gap between Black birthing communities and other racial/ethnic birthing communities. The session also offers new patient and community focused tools and techniques, such as the PREM-OB Scale™ Suite of three valid measures (Humanity, Kinship, and Racism), to restore the sanctity of birth in hospital-based obstetrics and perinatal care for all communities by first prioritizing the voices and lived experiences of Black women, girls, and gender expansive people. By advancing the quality, value, dignity, safety, and science of care provided to Black women, girls, and gender expansive people, then the care experiences and outcomes subsequently improve among other racial and ethnic communities.

By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

- Identify and connect theories and practices of oppression, resilience, and resistance in their service and scholarship, and across multiple system (i.e., family, community, institutions, and society).
- Examine their own disciplinary, institutional, and personal biases and behaviors that violate the humanity of Black women, girls, and gender expansive people across the sexual, reproductive, and perinatal life course.
- Explain the challenges in diagnosing and dismantling obstetric racism through traditional perinatal quality improvement and implementation initiatives.
- Utilize three theoretical frameworks to re-imagine the unique lived experiences of Black women, girls, and gender expansive in society and in hospital birth settings.
- Describe strategies to amplify patient narratives and community wisdom in perinatal quality improvement and implementation science, practice, and research.

Speaker



Karen A. Scott, MD, MPH, FACOG (she/her) Chief Black Feminist Physician Scientist, Founding CEO, & Owner, Birthing Cultural Rigor, LLC

1:30pm

Plenary — SACIMM and Healthy Start: Same Birthday, Same Mission

🕒 1:30pm - 2:00pm, Nov 5

This session will review the history and purpose of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality (SACIMM), formerly the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM). Participants will hear updates on the Committee's priorities and learn about the recommendations for reducing infant and maternal mortality that SACIMM recently submitted to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Learn the history of SACIMM and its relationship to Healthy Start;
- Understand the Committee's purpose/charge, and what the Committee has recommended to HHS to reduce infant and maternal mortality and eliminate disparities in these outcomes;
- Understand which recommendations are relevant to Healthy Start and how grantees can influence SACIMM.

Speakers



Vanessa Lee Infant Mortality CoIN Coordinator, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)



Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH Public Health Metaphysician and Acting Chairperson, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality (SACIMM)



Belinda Pettiford, MPH Branch Head, Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

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- **Networking Café — Fatherhood**
🕒 2:00pm - 2:55pm, Nov 5

3:00pm

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Plenary — American Indian Maternal, Child, and Family Health Equity

🕒 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Nov 5

In this session we will describe the impact of colonization and historical trauma on health disparities in American Indian and other Indigenous populations. We will discuss the role of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Indigenous Health, and we will focus on developing a strengths-based approach to improving health outcomes in disadvantaged communities. We will also discuss the concept of Indigenous Health as an academic discipline, and we will describe the Indigenous Health PhD program and the Indians Into Medicine (INMED) program as promising practices to promote health equity.

By the end of this session, participants will:

- Define Historical Trauma.
- Describe the impact of boarding schools and residential schools on Indigenous health.
- Identify culturally-relevant strategies to improve maternal, child, and family health equity.

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Donald Warne, MD, MPH Director, Indians Into Medicine (INMED) and Public Health Programs, University of North

4:00pm

Plenary — Monday Is Coming: What's in Your Future?

🕒 4:00pm - 4:30pm, Nov 5

"A goal without a plan is just a wish!" It's time to prepare for the next steps in your Healthy Start program's fatherhood work. During this session, Kenn L. Harris and Kenneth Scarborough will reflect on lessons learned from Days 1 and 2 of the Virtual Grantees' Meeting (VGM), as well as from past fatherhood trainings. They will use those learnings to provide a framework for helping Healthy Start programs and practitioners move towards successfully achieving the benchmark of serving 100 fathers. Meeting this benchmark is essential to the overall success of Healthy Start programs, and reflecting on the past is an important step towards doing so. What is your next step?

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Develop a framework for creating their own plan moving forward
- Gain resourceful tools that can help in establishing a plan and goals as part of their plan
- Learn helpful tips to navigate through past challenges in meeting the benchmark in enrolling and serving 100 fathers.

🗣️ Speakers



Kenn L. Harris Executive Director & Engagement Lead, Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC), National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)



Kenneth R Scarborough, MDIV, MPH Fatherhood and Men's Health Consultant, National Healthy Start Association (NHSA)

4:30pm

Wrap-up and Weekend Send-off

🕒 4:30pm - 5:00pm, Nov 5

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