

Racism and Black Maternal/Infant Health

A look into the Black-white disparities in infant
and maternal mortality

PRESENTED BY

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Objectives

It is our hope that by the end of the presentation participants will.....

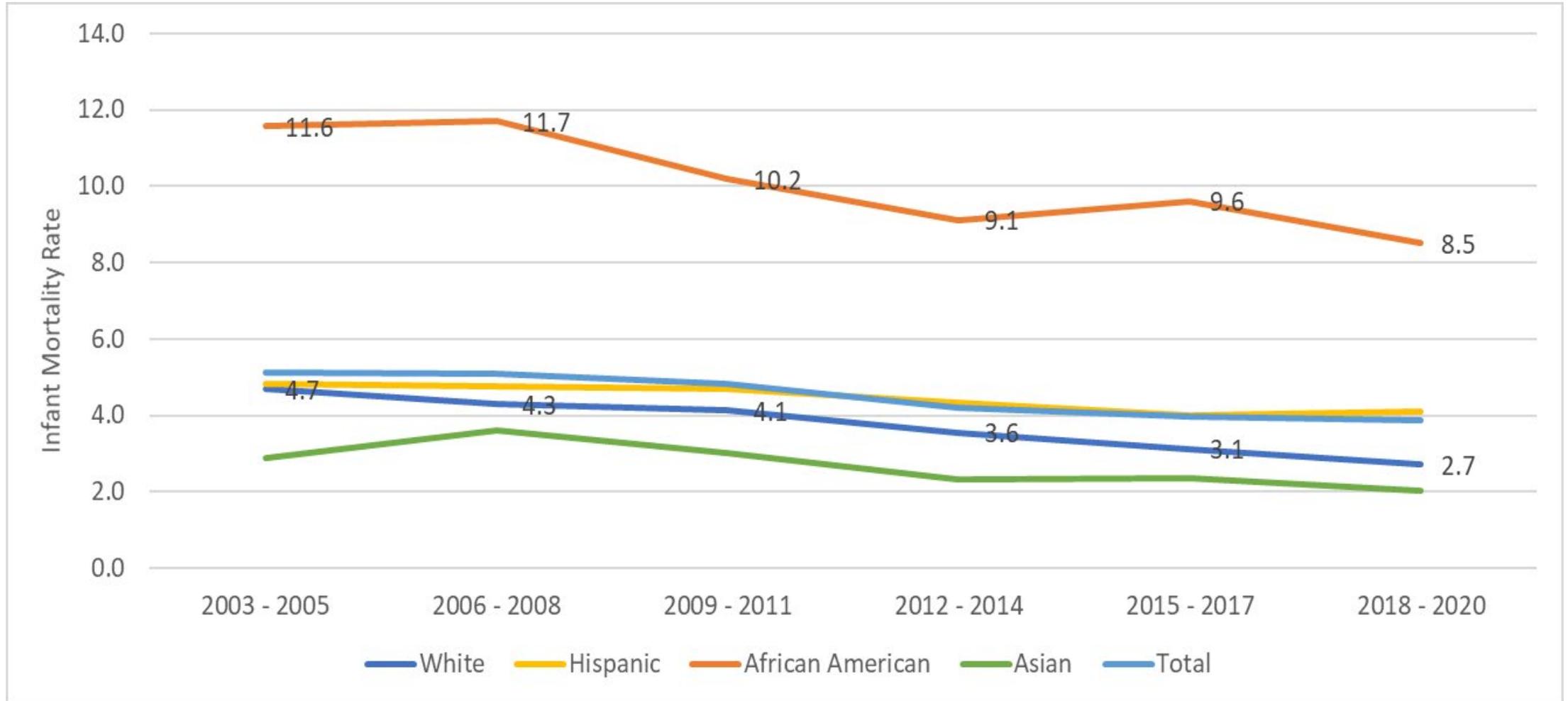
- ▶ Be grounded in some history and data of Black infant and maternal health in America and Los Angeles
- ▶ Learn about the L.A. County African American Infant & Maternal Mortality Initiative & The African American Infant & Maternal Mortality Community Action Teams (AAIMM CATs)
- ▶ Learn what you can do to get involved.

Definitions

- ▶ **Infant Mortality** - The death of an infant **before their first birthday**.
- ▶ **Maternal Mortality** - The death of a woman **while pregnant, during labor, delivery or within 1 year of the end of a pregnancy** from a pregnancy complication, a chain of events initiated by pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy.

“In 1850, the U.S. began keeping records of infant mortality by race. That year reported the Black infant-mortality rate was 340 per 1,000 the white rate was 217 per 1,000. The black-white-divide in infant mortality has been a source of both concern and debate for over a century.”

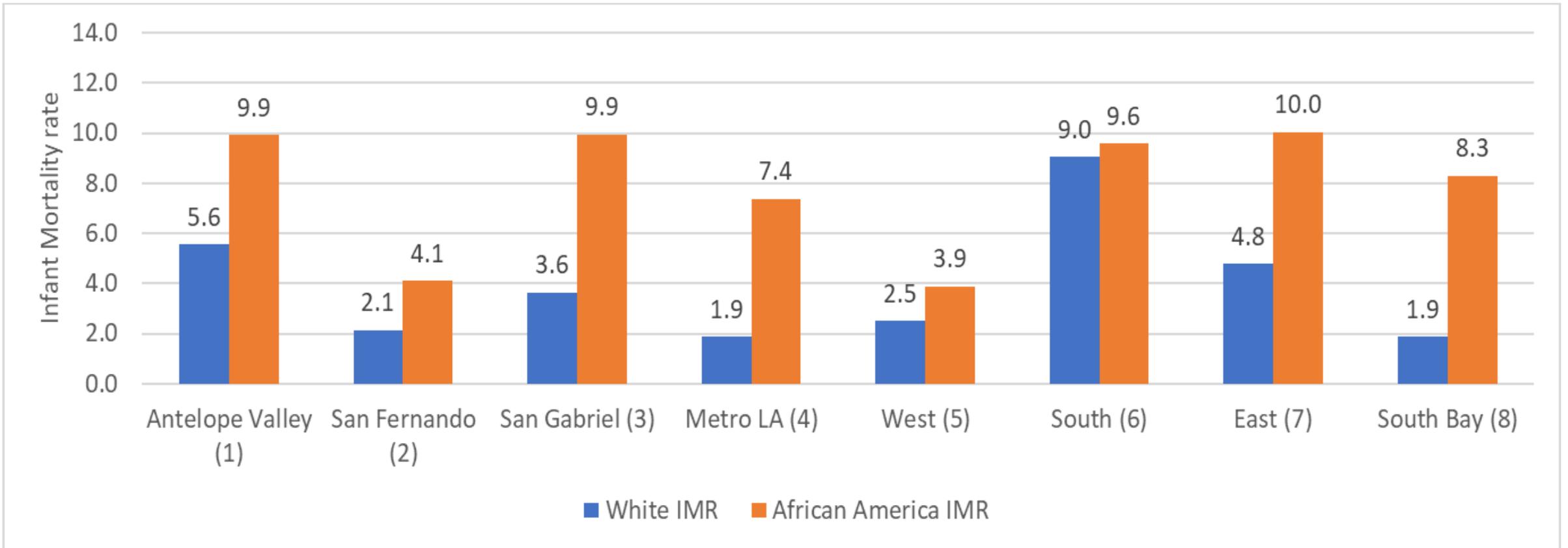
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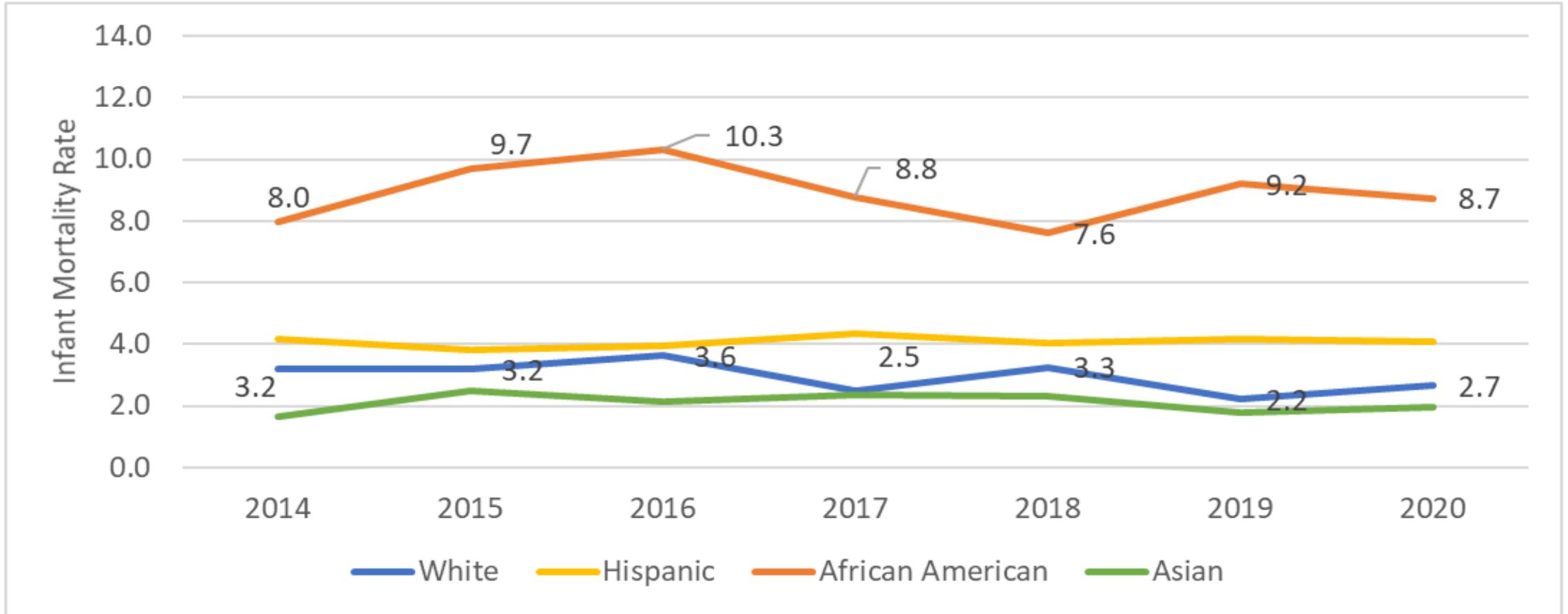
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Infant Mortality Rate (infant deaths/1,000 live births) by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Service Planning Area (SPA, 3 Year Average), Los Angeles County 2018-2020



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Infant Mortality Rate (infant deaths/1,000 live births) by Mothers' Race/Ethnicity and Year, Los Angeles County 2014-2020



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Infant Mortality Rate (infant deaths/1,000 live births) and counts by Mothers' Race/Ethnicity and Year, Los Angeles County 2018-2020

	2018					2019					2020				
	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	IMR ¹	95 % CL		LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	IMR ¹	95 % CL		LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	IMR ¹	95 % CL	
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White	22,435	73	3.3	2.5	4.0	22,479	50	2.2	1.6	2.8	21,054	56	2.7	2.0	3.4
Hispanic	60,133	243	4.0	3.5	4.5	57,562	241	4.2	3.7	4.7	53,604	219	4.1	3.5	4.6
African American	8,267	63	7.6	5.7	9.5	8,050	74	9.2	7.1	11.3	7,550	66	8.7	6.6	10.8
Asian	16,827	39	2.3	1.6	3.0	16,635	30	1.8	1.2	2.4	13,318	26	2.0	1.2	2.7
Total	109,893	433	3.9	3.6	4.3	107,202	405	3.8	3.4	4.1	98,021	381	3.9	3.5	4.3

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Los Angeles County Black Infant Morality By Health District, 2004-2014

Health District (SPA)	#	% Infant Deaths	Rate Per 1000 Births
Southwest(6)	194	15.4	10
Inglewood(8)	160	12.7	9.3
Antelope Valley(1)	138	10.9	12.1
South(6)	122	9.7	12.7
Long Beach(8)	92	7.3	8.5
Compton(6)	91	7.2	9.3

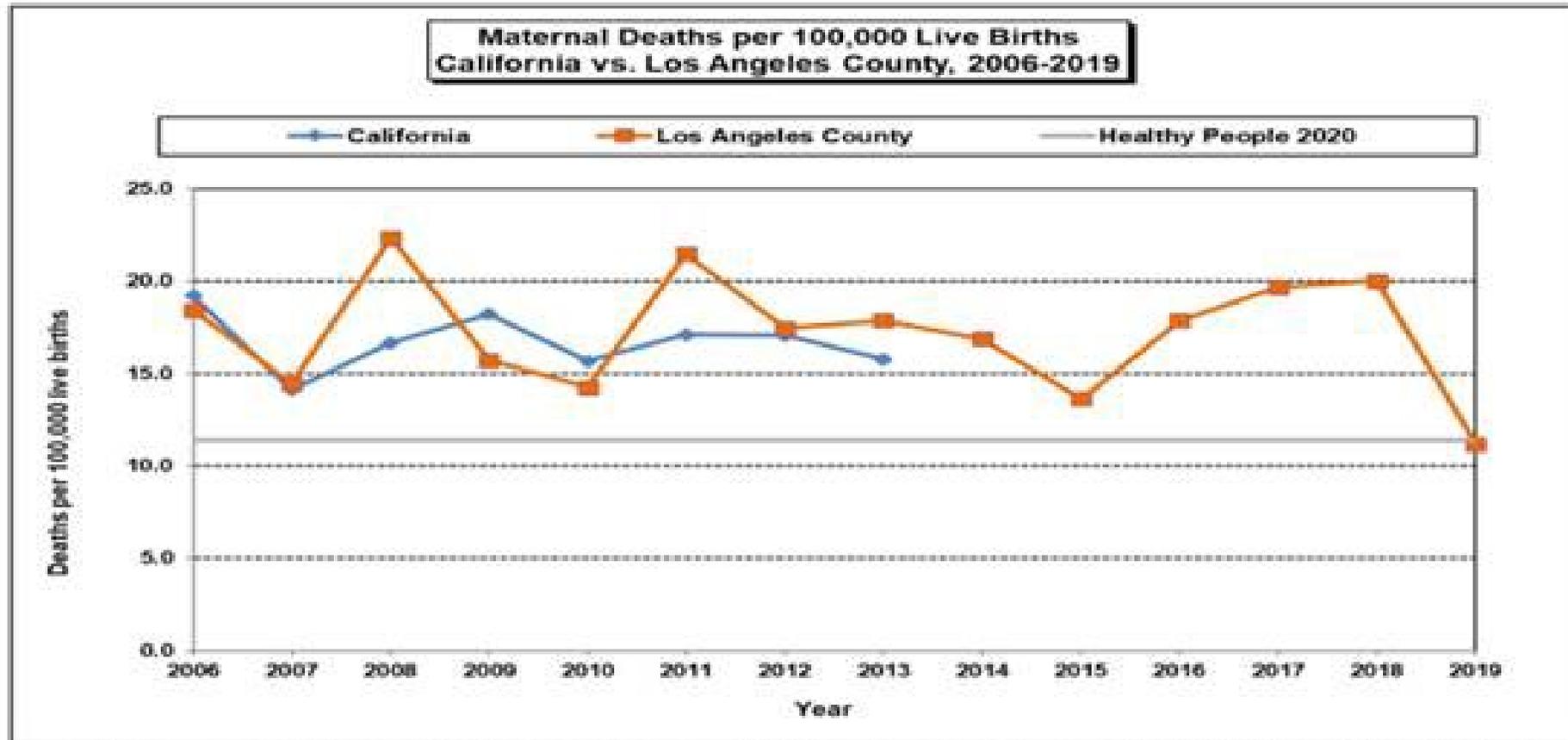
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In one year, that racial gap adds up to more than 4,000 lost Black babies nationwide.

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Leading Cause of Infant Mortality

- ▶ The major cause of infant death among Black babies in LA County is being born prematurely (prior to 37 weeks gestation), which can also lead to:
 - ▶ Risk for early death in life
 - ▶ Medical complications
 - ▶ Disability and chronic diseases later in life



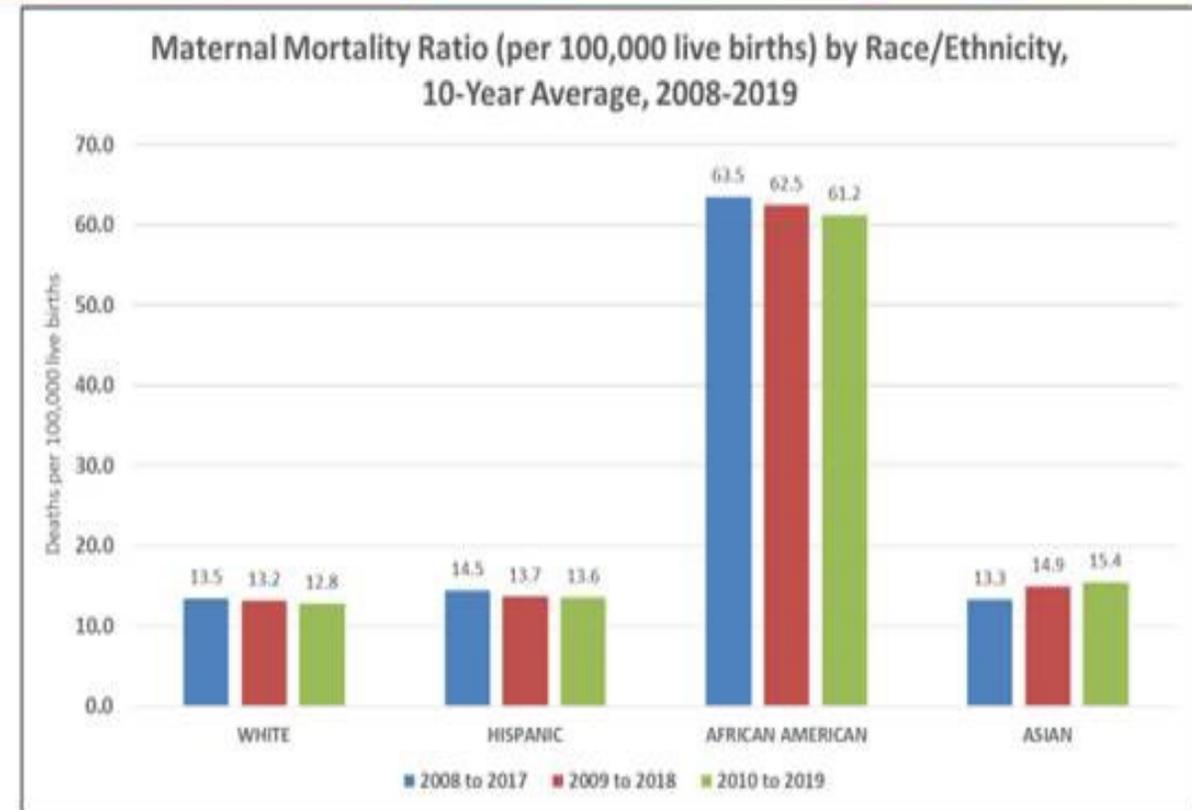
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Nationally, Black mothers die 3x-4x the rate of white mothers

In Los Angeles County, Black mothers die at 4.4x the rate of other women

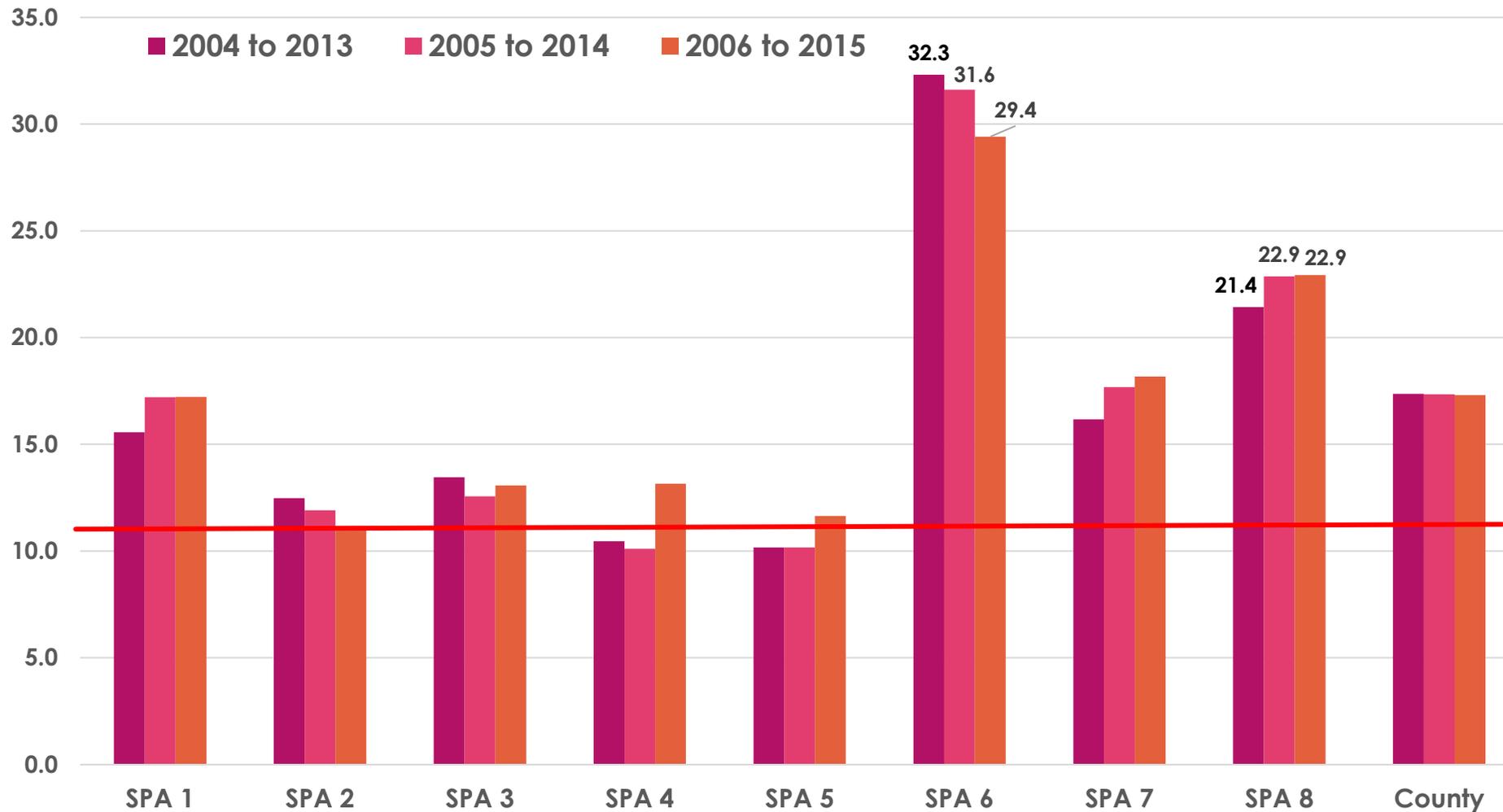
This is one of the widest of all racial disparities in women's health



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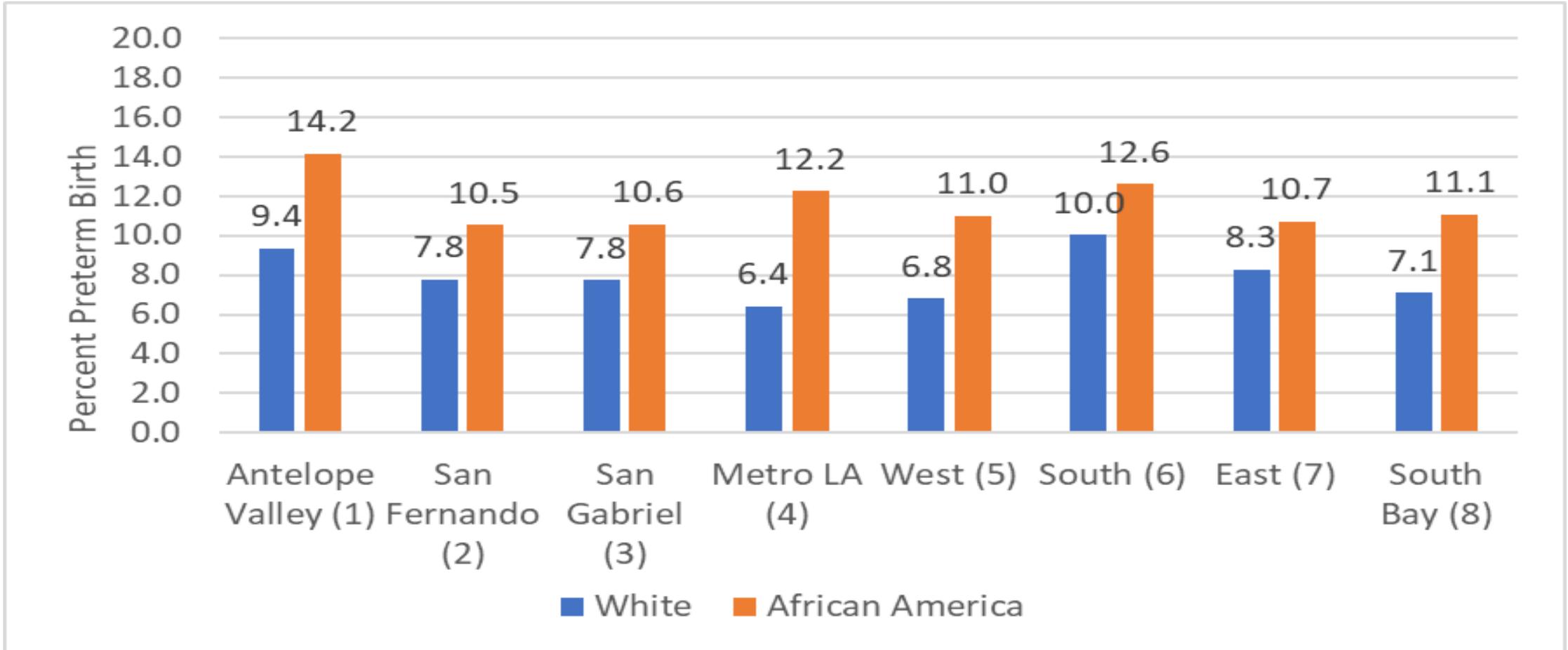
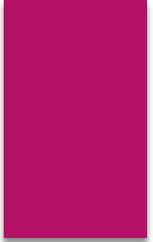
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Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 live births) by Service Planning Area 10-Year Average, 2004-2015



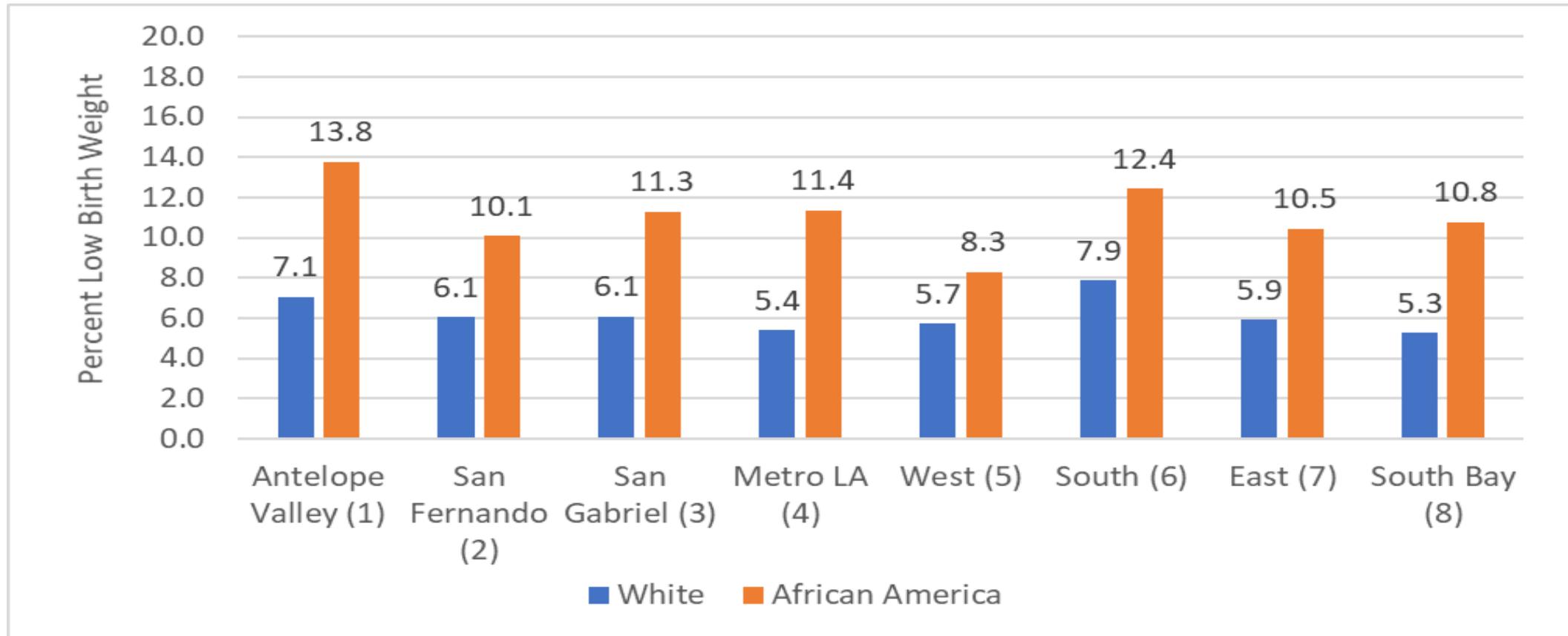
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Preterm Births (17-36 weeks) by Mothers' Race and Service Planning Area (SPA), 3-Year Averages, Los Angeles County 2018-2020



Notes: Preterm births are defined as babies born 17-36 weeks gestation. Gestational age based on obstetrical estimation. Data not shown for Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander, Other, and Unknown races. Three-year averages used to account for random annual rate fluctuations. Birth data for 342 White births and 100 Black births were missing SPA designation. SPA designations based on 2010 census data.
Data Source: 2015-2017 California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files

Low Birth Weight Births (<2500 grams) by Mothers' Race and Service Planning Area (SPA), 3-Year Averages, Los Angeles County 2018-2020



Notes: Low birth weight defined as birth weight below 2500 grams. Data not shown for Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander, Other, and Unknown races. Three-year averages used to account for random annual rate fluctuations. Birth data for 342 White births and 100 Black births were missing SPA designation. SPA designations based on 2010 census data.

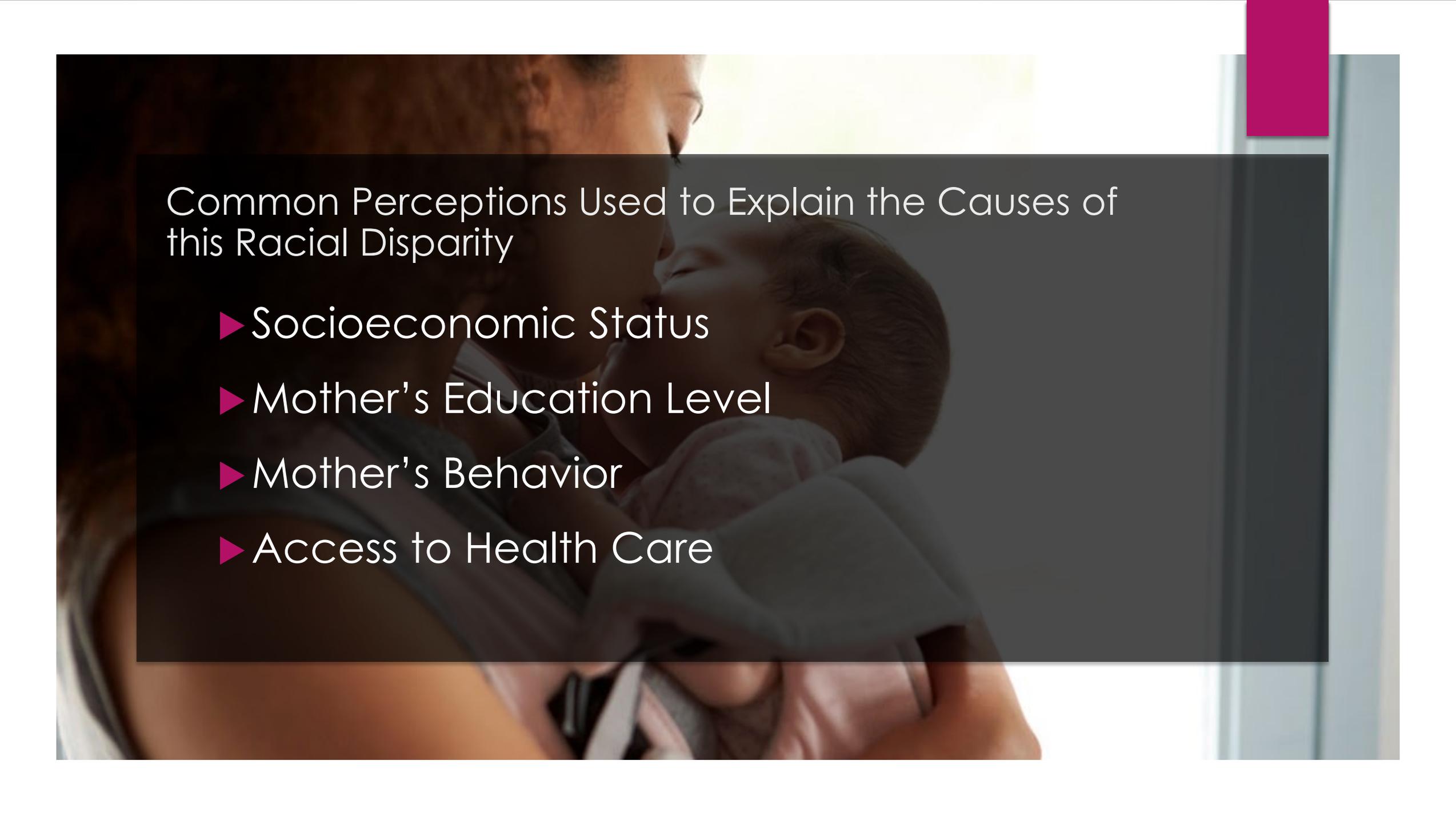
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Maternal Mortality Causes

- ▶ Postpartum Hemorrhage
- ▶ High Blood Pressure and Pre-eclampsia
- ▶ Infection
- ▶ Termination of Pregnancy
- ▶ Pulmonary Embolism
- ▶ Other Direct Complications
- ▶ Other Indirect Causes

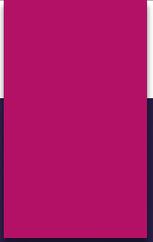
What Explains the Black-White Infant and Maternal Mortality Gap?

COMMON EXPLANATIONS DON'T HOLD UP!

A photograph of a woman with dark hair kissing a baby on the cheek. The image is partially obscured by a dark grey semi-transparent overlay containing text. In the top right corner, there is a vertical pink bar and a grey bar.

Common Perceptions Used to Explain the Causes of this Racial Disparity

- ▶ Socioeconomic Status
- ▶ Mother's Education Level
- ▶ Mother's Behavior
- ▶ Access to Health Care



Much of American history, these type of disparities were largely blamed on blacks' supposed susceptibility to illness—their “mass of imperfection,” as one doctor wrote in 1903—and their own behavior. But now many social scientists and medical researchers agree, the problem isn't race, but RACISM.

SOURCE: BLACK MOTHERS KEEP DYING AFTER GIVING BIRTH. SHALON IRVING'S STORY EXPLAINS WHY

CREDIT: NINA MARTIN/PROPUBLICA AS SHARED WITH RENEE MONTAGNE/NPR-ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

A. JONES , WPC COLLABORATION. 2ND VERSION, 10/18

Why are black mothers and babies in the United States dying at more than double the rate of white mothers and babies? The answer has everything to do with the lived experience of being a black woman in America. By Linda Villarosa



- Adverse social experience: material hardship and social marginalization (racism, sexism, etc.)
 - Psychological stress
 - Fight or flight
 - Cumulative physiological stress
 - Adverse health outcomes, including adverse pregnancy outcomes



**BLACK WOMEN
IN THE U.S. ARE
243 PERCENT MORE
LIKELY TO DIE FROM
PREGNANCY RELATED CAUSES
THAN WHITE WOMEN**

This is independent of parity, age or education.
It produces one of the largest racial
disparities in women's health.

SOURCE: ProPublica



**ON AVERAGE, BLACK WOMEN WITH HIGHER INCOMES & COLLEGE EDUCATIONS
HAVE WORSE HEALTH THAN WHITE WOMEN WHO HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL**

Source: Moms Rising



Who has heard of Dr. J. Marion Sims?



Illustration of Dr. J. Marion Sims with Anarcha by Robert Thom. Anarcha was subjected to 30 experimental surgeries. **Pearson Museum, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine** hide caption

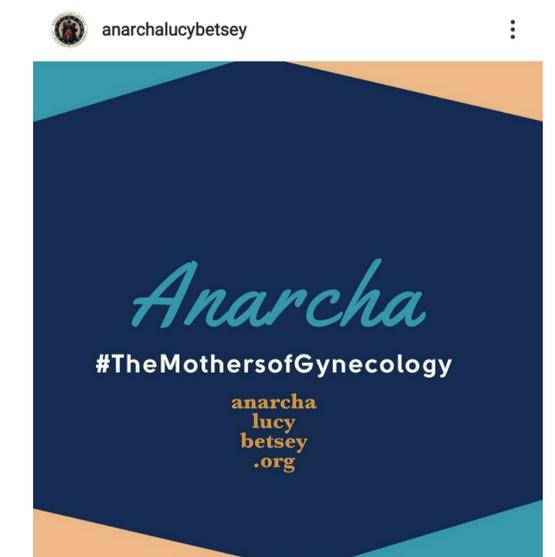
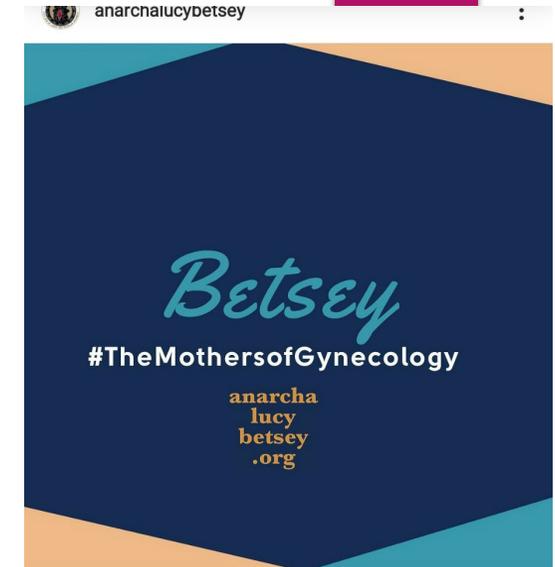
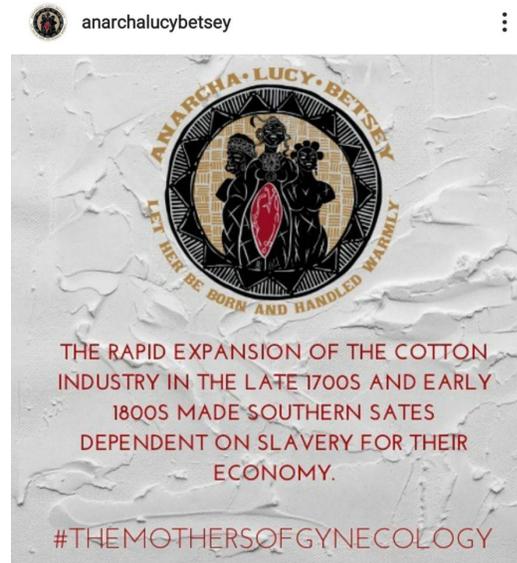
Source: Pearson Museum, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Anarcha Betsey Lucy Monument

▶ “A 15’ monument honoring the enslaved women Anarcha, Lucy, and Betsey experimented on without consent by J. Marion Sims “themothersofgynecology.”

▶ For more information:
anarchalucybetsey.org

▶ SOURCE: IG: @anarchalucybetsey





***Mothers of Gynecology Monument
Donation – Los Angeles, Ca – 3/6/2021
Visionary & Founder – Michelle Browder***

“

Sometimes you just know in your bones when someone feels contempt for you based on your race.

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**Telling Our Truth –
the descendants
of the African
slave in America**

John Hope Franklin,
American Historian and
Author provided us us
with this platform as an
example of such with
his book *From Slavery to
Freedom A History of
African Americans* by,
first published in 1947.

Slavery & Freedom

1400 – 1877

Five hundred years ago, a new form of slavery transformed Africa, Europe, and the Americas. For the first time, people saw other human beings as commodities—things to be bought, sold, and exploited to make enormous profits. This system changed the world.

The United States was created in this context, forged by slavery as well as a radical new concept, freedom. This is a shared story, a shared past, told through the lives of African Americans who helped form

*We've got to tell
the unvarnished truth.*

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN 2005

The Role of the African Slave in America

Chattel – personal property of slaveowners and used as a commodity to work and reproduce.

15TH–19TH CENTURIES
The Making of the Atlantic World

In the 1400s national boundaries did not exist as they do today. African and European peoples had traded for centuries across the Mediterranean, exchanging diverse goods, cultures, and knowledge. An “Atlantic world” was forming that connected people and ports along the Atlantic Ocean’s rim. By the 1600s an unanticipated shift took place. The primary commodity became enslaved African people. This is their story.



Queen Njinga
In 1613, Queen Njinga of Ndongo and Matamba ruled the Kingdom of Ndongo, a powerful state in the region of present-day Angola. She was a skilled diplomat and warrior who successfully resisted Portuguese colonial expansion into her kingdom. She is remembered for her strategic use of European firearms and her ability to navigate the complex political landscape of the time.

I admit I am sickened at the purchase of slaves . . . but I must be mumm, for how could we do without sugar or rum?

WILLIAM COWPER

If Black women experience discrimination, or disrespect during their pregnancy and delivery they are more likely to skip their postpartum visits, BUT they will keep the pediatrician visits for their baby.

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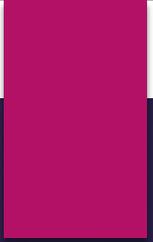
How do we change what many want to ignore due to their discomfort?

In order to **END A PROBLEM WE MUST FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE IT EXISTS**, and

To better comprehend what it means (racism/bias), especially to **THOSE EXPERIENCING IT** by **ADDRESSING THESE EXPERIENCES** which have resulted in **NEGATIVE OUTCOMES APPROPRIATELY.**

Racism & Implicit Bias Defined

- ▶ **Racism** – prejudice, discrimination or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior.
- ▶ **Implicit Bias** – refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner.



**So what's being done to combat this
Public Health crisis affecting the
Black Community?**



The Health Agency has made a public commitment to **reduce the Black-White gap** in infant mortality in Los Angeles County by **30% over the next 5 years.**

Our strategy to close the black-white infant mortality gap involves intervention at each step in the path

- Reduce the sources of stress in women's lives
- Help women block the pathway from social stress to physiological stress
- Intervene early to reduce the impact of stress on health

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/CenterForHealthEquity/>

African American Infant/Maternal Mortality Community Action Teams

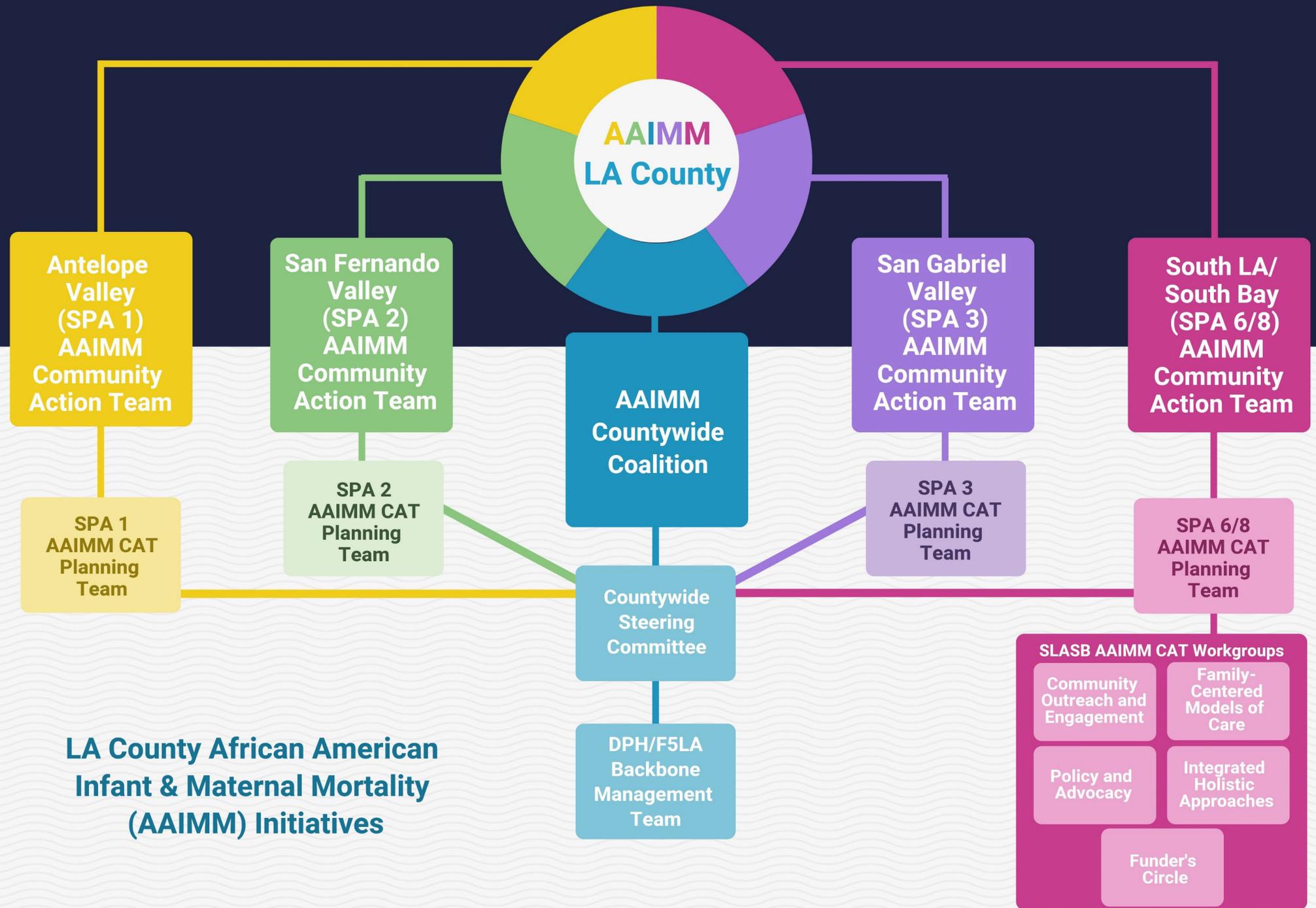
- ▶ We established the first African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Community Action Team (AAIMM CAT) in SPAs 6 and 8 in 2018.
- ▶ The purpose of establishing the South Los Angeles/South Bay to elevate the needs of the community and create and implement strategies that will end this crisis.

Where We Began – 10/23/18

Community Interest in AAIMM CAT

Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Hills





LA County African American Infant & Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Initiatives



SLASB AAIMM CAT Mission

To reduce AA/Black infant and maternal mortality in South Los Angeles/South Bay by addressing the impact of racism and other root causes for health disparities; catalyzing community action; and promoting wellness and equitable health care strategies for AA/Black families.

SLA/SB AAIMM CAT MEETINGS

Join us at the next meeting of the
South LA/South Bay AAIMM CAT
 African American Infant & Maternal Mortality Community Action Team



Thursday, July 11, 2019
 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
 Ward African Methodist Episcopal Church
 Fellowship Hall
 1177 W. 25th Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90007

Please RSVP using the following link: <http://bit.ly/AAIMMSSLASB>

We encourage African American/Black women, fathers, and families, providers who serve South LA, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, Compton, and Long Beach (perinatal clinicians, mental health providers, doulas, midwives, caseworkers), advocates, and allies to attend.

Save the date for our 2019 SLASB AAIMM CAT Meetings!

Thursday, September 5, 2019 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 Thursday, October 31, 2019 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

For more information, please contact Jeannette Johnson:
 JJohnson8@dhs.lacounty.gov

SOUTH LA/SOUTH BAY (SLA/SB) AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANT & MATERNAL MORTALITY COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (AAIMM CAT) SLASB AAIMM CAT



Join us for the launch of our SPA 6 & 8
AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANT & MATERNAL MORTALITY COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

Thursday, January 24, 2019
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
 Victoria Community Regional Park - Community Room
 419 E 192nd St.
 Carson, CA 90746

African American/Black women and families, providers who serve South LA to Long Beach (perinatal clinicians, mental health providers, doulas, midwives, caseworkers), advocates, and allies are encouraged to attend.

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JOIN US FOR THE MAY
 South LA County
AAIMM CAT Meeting
 African American Infant & Maternal Mortality

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019
 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
 HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 L.L. WHITE FELLOWSHIP HALL
 3320 W ADAMS BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90018



RSVP using the following link: <http://bit.ly/AAIMMCATSLA>

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Join us for the
**May 2020
SLASB AAIMM CAT
(Virtual) Meeting**

South LA/South Bay African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Community Action Team



Through these uncertain times, when so much has changed for our community and our families, we want to make sure we stay connected with our AAIMM village. Please join us for brief updates, resource sharing, and mindfulness tips.

Thursday, May 14, 2020
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Click here to RSVP today!

For more information, please contact Jeannette Johnson at johnson8@dhs.gov or Ellen Branch at ellen@bwvla.com



CELEBRATE
**FREEDOM DAY
2020!**

Join us as we proclaim resilience for Black mothers and families!

With Sayida Peprah, PsyD



Founder & Executive Director, Diversity Uplifts, Inc

Virtual CommuniTEA



JUNE 19, 2020
10:00AM - 11:30AM

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

JOIN US FOR OUR
July VirtualTEA

With a discussion on Black Maternal Mental Health and Doula Chat

Friday, July 17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Please click the link below to RSVP

<https://bit.ly/JulyVirtualTEA>



Hosted by the SLASB AAIMM CAT Community Outreach and Engagement Workgroup



JOIN US FOR OUR
August VirtualTEA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020 | 10:00AM - 11:30AM
CELEBRATING BLACK BREASTFEEDING WEEK



RSVP using the following link:
<https://bit.ly/AugustVirtualTEA>

Please join us for an engaging discussion about Breastfeeding in the Black community. Q&A and resource sharing to follow.

Hosted by the SLASB AAIMM CAT Community Outreach and Engagement Workgroup, in partnership with:





JOIN US!

**SEPTEMBER 2020
SLA/SB AAIMM CAT (VIRTUAL) FORUM**

South LA/South Bay Infant and Maternal Mortality Community Action Team

Thursday, September 10
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU
Please join a community discussion to advance our Community Action Team efforts.

We look forward to a dynamic conversation with our community residents and partners to ensure you are actively engaged and connected to the AAIMM village!




Join the Movement!
Facebook/Instagram:
@blackinfantsandfamiliesla
www.blackinfantsandfamiliesla.org

For more information, please contact Ellen Branch at ellen@bwvla.com



JOIN US!

**NOVEMBER 2020
SLASB AAIMM CAT
Virtual Meeting**

A CELEBRATION OF THANKFULNESS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
10:00AM - 12:00PM



Click on the link below or scan the QR code on the left with your phone's camera to RSVP.

<http://bit.ly/NOVSLASB>

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www.blackinfantsandfamiliesla.org

For more information please contact Ellen Branch at ellen@bwvla.com

Join Us for a VirtualTEA Takeover

Via Facebook Live
HOSTED BY:
South LA/South Bay African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Community Action Team

A Discussion on our Mission, Upcoming Events and Ways to Get Involved @BlackInfantsAndFamilies

Tuesday 11/24 @ 5pm

Then join us for a special Thanksgiving Giveaway with Prizes for those who join us live. 11/25 @5pm



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**BLACK DADDY DIALOGUE
SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP**



Changing the narrative of African American/Black Fathers and Families virtually Every 2nd Wednesday 6:30-8pm

Upcoming Dates:
November 11th, 2020
December 9th, 2020
January 12th, 2021

- Father/figures of all ages raising African American/Black children are welcome!
- COVID-19 Pandemic Support
- Loss/Grief Supportive Services
- Feeding the Mind, Body and Spirit of Fathers/figures to support AA/Black Mothers and children 0-5 years old.

Email: LeHenry Solomon for any questions or inquiries
fathersforabrighterfuture@gmail.com or call 424-223-2133

Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76034735732>

Supported by South LA/South Bay African American Infant Maternal Mortality Community Action Team



Uplifting Healthy Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes for Black Families



South Los Angeles/South Bay African American Infant & Maternal Mortality Community Action Team

Year 1 (2019) AAIMM CAT Foundational Development

STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Vision and mission created
- Perinatal Equity Initiative Grant
- 500+ individuals on listserv
- Five Cross-Sector workgroups
- Community participation at all levels

FUNDING FOR SYSTEM CHANGE

- Reissa Foundation funding for backbone support
- Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits team funding support
- Department of Public Health Perinatal Equity Initiative funding for community member stipends and gift cards

We've Been Working!

Policy

- Acknowledgement and support from Board of Supervisors
- Collaboration with Senator Holly Mitchell's Office
- Participation in Women's Foundation Women's Policy Institute
 - L.A. County Board Motion to explore Expansion of Doula services
- Collaboration with federal legislators
 - Federal Momnibus
- Co-Sponsor of AB 2258 State Doula Bill
 - Updated to SB 65 California Momnibus, supported and signed in October 2021
- Paid Family Leave

Programs

- Department of Health Services Whole Person Care provided initial funding for Community Doula pilot program
- Black Daddy Dialogues Support Group
- PEI – Programs
 - Group Prenatal
 - Expectant Fathers Group
 - Essential Health Access – Preconception & Reproductive Health Training
- VirtualiTEA's
- AAIMM Countywide Steering Committee

Events

- Bi-monthly AAIMM CAT Meetings
- Monthly Workgroup Meetings
- Black Maternal Health Week annually (April 11-17)
- Taste of Soul
- March of Dimes Birth Equity Summit
- Black Breastfeeding Week (August)

AAIMM Initiative Structure – Our Growing Flower

Shared power and decision-making.

A collaborative of collaboratives.

Community partnerships

- Steering Committee
- Community Action Teams driving engagement

LA County AAIMM Initiative
Collaborative Structures & Steering
Committees Representation





Amber Isaac, seen with partner Bruce McIntyre, passed away shortly after giving birth at the Montefiore Medical Center in The Bronx.
Photo: Courtesy of Bruce McIntyre



THERE IS NO
"ACCEPTABLE RATE"
OF MATERNAL
MORTALITY



“

LET'S CONTINUE TO PARTNER
TOGETHER TO SAVE THE LIVES OF
BLACK MOMS AND BABIES

”

*Thank you for your continued partnership –
we could not have accomplished our goals without you.*

GET
INVOLVED!

Celebrate, encourage and advocate for the well-being of Black women and infants!

Join our AAIMM CAT listservs:

Email – ajones@ph.lacounty.gov

Learn more about the Los Angeles County AAIMM Initiative – Take the pledge on the website and follow us on social media:

Blackinfantsandfamilies.org

Attend a bi-monthly AAIMM CAT meeting and/or join a Workgroup.

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Later Life Intimate Partner Violence Learning Collaborative



LOS ANGELES
ALLIANCE FOR
COMMUNITY
HEALTH & AGING



WISE
Healthy & Aging

What: an initiative to improve access and quality of services for older survivors of later life intimate partner violence (LLIPV).

Why: healthcare providers, social service providers, and domestic violence partners are often inadequately prepared to detect and appropriately address IPV in older adults.

Purpose

The purpose of the LLIPV Learning Collaborative is to bring together relevant cross-sector partners to review the various forms of older adult abuse, discuss approaches for the successful implementation of strategies for advancing system wide policies and practices that support the ending of silos and the removing of barriers to timely access and age friendly services for older victim-survivors of domestic abuse in later life

Objectives

1. Understand what is and what is not Later Life Intimate Partner Violence
2. Identify ways the DV and Aging arenas can work more collaboratively to meet the needs of older adults.
3. Identify/adapt Later Life Intimate Partner Violence screening tools
4. Identify /develop age and culturally appropriate person-centered approaches to address and prevent older adults in harmful or unsafe relationships
5. Identify strategies for the building of sustainable partnerships between health centers, hospitals, community-based domestic violence programs, senior centers, and other Aging Network and social service providers.

How?



Educate

professionals, advocates, and other parties interested in domestic violence on the dynamics of abuse in later life and needs of older survivors.



Inspire

Bring together individuals and organizations to commit to improving access and quality of services for older victims both in the aging and domestic violence arenas.

Role of 'isms and Abuse in Later Life

Presenters

Lori Mars, JD, LLM, National Center on Elder Abuse
Donna Benton, PhD, USC Family Caregiver Support Center
riKu Matsuda, Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

Thursday, July 7, 2022 | 1:00 - 2:30 PM PT

Please join the [Los Angeles Later Life Intimate Partner Violence Learning Collaborative \(LLIPV Learning Collaborative\)](#) for a discussion on intersectionality and the impacts of cultural, racial, socio-economic, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, and other factors on older adult perspectives on and responses to abuse in later life.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For questions, email nleon@ph.lacounty.gov



Click [here](#) to join or to receive updates from the LLIPV Learning Collaborative.

Overview of Abuse in Later Life

Presenters

Ann Laatsch, J.D. & Martie Washington
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)

Thursday, April 14, 2022 1:00 - 2:30 PM PT

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Evaluation Results:

91% said that their understanding of various forms of abuse in later life has improved

87% said their ability to recognize the signs of abuse in later life has improved

Recording and transcript available online



Stay Tuned!

<https://bit.ly/LLIPVLCIF>

to receive updates



Dates	Topics	Sample Topics
April 14, 2022	Overview of Later Life Intimate Partner Violence (LLIPV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is and isn't LLIPV?• Where do LLIPV and Elder Abuse overlap?• Covid-19 and LLIPV?
July 7, 2022	Role of 'isms and LLIPV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intersectionalities between various factors impacting older adult access to and quality of domestic violence services
November 2022	Primer on Services in Los Angeles County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primer on services specific for older adults, what is accessible• Shelter services• Culturally-appropriate services
May 2023	LLIPV -Specific Tools and Services + case scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal services/tools• Restorative practices• Shelter resources• Safety planning• Support resources



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Vision for a Violence Free LA County

OVP **strengthens collaboration, capacity and partnerships** to prevent multiple forms of violence and promote healing across communities in LA County.

- Established by the Board of Supervisors in February 2019 within the Department of Public Health
- County Leadership Committee & Community Partnership Council governance structure to guide implementation of strategic plan
- **OVP Core Budget funded through June 2022**; County seeking ongoing funds (estimated \$3M per year)



OVP: A Public Health Approach



Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention

Is **comprehensive**:
includes strategies at
multiple levels

Reduces Risk Factors
and Increases
Protective Factors

Focuses on **population**
health, not just
individuals

Addresses the context
[socio-ecological model]

Is **Data-Driven**: to
understand the
circumstances of
violence and evaluate
strategies

Facilitates Multi-Sector
Collaboration and
Coordination

Engages those most impacted, survivors or
perpetrators, in developing and implementing solutions



OVP Priorities and Strategies



OVP Strategic Plan



SUPPORT CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

UNIVERSAL SUPPORTS

- Social Emotional Learning
- Positive Youth Development
- Job Opportunities
- Trauma Informed Services
- Universal Domestic Violence Education
- Restorative Justice

FAMILY SUPPORTS

- Home Visitation
- Doula Services
- Trauma Informed Parenting
- Access to High Quality Early Care and Education

HIGH NEED SERVICES

- No Wrong Door: Access to Healthcare, Mental Health,



FOSTER SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

CRISIS RESPONSE

- Street Intervention & Safe Passages
- Hospital Based Violence Intervention
- Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRTs)
- Family Assistance Program

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Equitable Built Environment
- Integrated Arts & Culture
- Economic Investment

COMMUNITY HUBS

- Parks After Dark/SNL
- Libraries
- School Wellbeing Centers
- Healing Centers



CREATE A CULTURE OF PEACE

NORM CHANGE

- Trust Building/ Dialogue
- Common Messaging
- Acknowledge Harms & Advance Equity
- Implicit Bias Training
- Positive Gender Norms
- Equitable Law Enforcement

FIREARM SAFETY

- Legislation
- Safe Firearm Storage
- Emergency Protective Orders (GVRO/DVRO)
- Microstamping and other technologies



BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HEALING INFORMED POLICIES & SYSTEMS

INTEGRATION & ALIGNMENT

- Community Partnership Council
- County Leadership Committee
- Regional Coalitions
- Philanthropy & Business
- Policymakers & Academia

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Trauma Informed Systems
- Equitable Contracting & Technical Assistance
- Support Youth Leadership
- Survivor Centered & Inclusive

DATA SHARING & EVALUATION

- Publicly Accessible and Culturally Relevant Data
- Evaluation of Violence Prevention Efforts
- Culturally Informed Research

COMMUNICATIONS & MESSAGING



OVP Early Implementation Priorities



Platform to Prevent Gun Violence



- County & Community partners met on 6/9/22.
- Platform contains 38 action items to prevent gun violence.
- Workgroup to identify & guide implementation of 3 immediate actions to take this year.



American Rescue Plan Funding

- **\$20 Million** allocated to Public Health/OVP to fund community-based organizations to support crisis response, trauma and healing services, and community violence intervention.
 - **Street Outreach, Hospital Violence Intervention**
 - **Peer-to-Peer Credible Messenger Training Academy**
 - **Youth Healing, Mentorship and Leadership Programs**
 - **Crisis Response and Community Healing Programs**
 - **Flexible Funding**
- **Timeline:** 18 months, tentative September 2022 start



Intersection with Intimate Partner Violence

- National Violent Death Reporting System/Data Collection
- Prevention/Addressing Root Causes of Violence
- Public Health and Local Place Based Approaches
- Healing Centered/Trauma Informed Care
- Gun Violence Prevention – Call to Action
- Blue Shield Funding – Partnership with DVC
- American Rescue Plan Funding Opportunities



Opportunities for Collaboration

- OVP Open Data Portal/Data Collection
- Prevention Services/Upstream Approaches
- Storytelling Project – Voices of Survivors
- Regional Violence Prevention Coalitions
- Trauma Informed and Healing Centered System Change
- Crisis Response Pilot Program
- Gun Violence Call to Action
- American Rescue Plan/Mini-Grants