

PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE VERMONT

Coming Together to Support Pregnant People, Infants, and Families



The PQC-VT is Vermont's resource for perinatal and infant health. Through a partnership with the Family and Child Health Division at the Vermont Department of Health (VDH), the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP) implements projects impacting perinatal people, infants, and their families under the PQC-VT umbrella. The PQC-VT mobilizes state networks to implement quality improvement efforts and improve systems of care for perinatal people, infants, and their families.

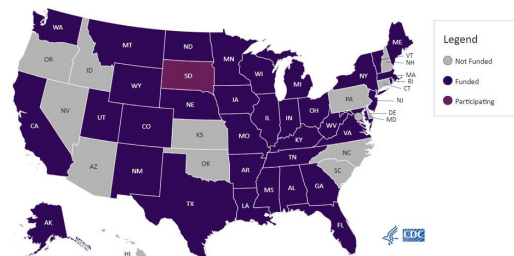


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WHAT IS THE PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE?

What is a Perinatal Quality Collaborative? PQCs are state or multi-state networks of teams working to improve the quality of care for pregnant people and babies.

PQCs Funded in the United States



THE PQC-VT'S MISSION

Optimize care and health outcomes for perinatal people and infants through collaboration and continuous quality improvement.

NEW INITIATIVES

ALLIANCE FOR INNOVATION ON MATERNAL HEALTH (AIM) CAPACITY GRANT

- 4-year grant to support Vermont's capacity to implement maternal safety bundles and expand the reach, depth, and quality of AIM

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PQC CAPACITY GRANT

- 4-year grant to increase infrastructure development and staffing for the PQC-VT and implement statewide QI projects

AMONG VERMONTERS GIVING BIRTH IN VERMONT OR NEW HAMPSHIRE IN 2021:

- 13.8% of the 5,124 live births occurred in NH
- 3.3 out of every 100 live births occurred out of the hospital
- 38.2% used Medicaid as the primary payer for delivery services
- 28.3% were enrolled in WIC during pregnancy
- 89.3% of infants were breastfed upon discharge



CURRENT INITIATIVES

PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH

The Perinatal Psychiatric Consultation Service welcomes providers to call for free consultation service regarding patient's psychiatric diagnosis and/or treatment during pregnancy, pre-conception or postpartum.



PERINATAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Education and support for health care professionals caring for opioid-dependent perinatal people and their infants to improve systems of care and implement best practice recommendations.

Interdisciplinary team developing systems of care and support for perinatal people with substance use disorder (SUD), including updating guidelines for the Community Response Team (CHARM) model and supporting the expansion of a perinatal peer support network.



COMMUNITY-CLINICAL LINKAGES

Continuous quality improvement initiatives to improve referral processes between medical practices and community-based organizations serving perinatal people and new families.

Perinatal health professional training in the Touchpoints approach to build a workforce knowledgeable about early relational health and attachment between infants and their families.

Home visiting workforce training and medical practice education to optimize existing home visiting supports in the system of care for all perinatal people, including those experiencing SUD.



CLINICAL CARE SUPPORT

Annual perinatal report and regional hospital conferences developed for Vermont community hospitals to compare, contrast and trend perinatal health care service delivery and outcomes within and between hospitals.

Implementation of national maternal safety bundles to improve clinical care. Current efforts include a focus on reducing postpartum hemorrhage and severe hypertension in pregnancy. Future focus will include SUD in pregnancy.

Facilitation of quarterly community hospital nurse managers meetings addressing nursing management issues and best practices for pregnant people, newborns, and infant care.



PERINATAL EDUCATION

Six educational webinars for health care professionals and community partners on Vermont perinatal and infant priorities as well as national emerging issues.

Online safe infant sleep education module for registered nurses in Vermont's Birthing hospitals as well as other patient facing materials prepared by Vermont Safe Sleep Committee.



VERMONT MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL (MMRP)

Vermont's legislatively mandated interdisciplinary team tasked with reviewing deaths in the perinatal period from pregnancy through one year after birth, including pregnancy loss. The panel creates an annual report including policy, clinical and community recommendations for health care improvement in the clinical and community settings to prevent future death. The PQC-VT participates in the panel and facilitates many of the clinical and community recommendations.

The PQC-VT is expanding, want to join us or join our listserv? Contact us at VCHIP

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