

February Newsletter

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As we celebrate Black History Month, our February newsletter focuses on the importance of addressing maternal and infant health disparities within Ohio. **OPQC is dedicated to eliminating disparities and ensuring equitable outcomes for all birthing people and their infants.**

This Black History Month, we celebrate the many organizations in Ohio that support Black birthing people and highlight a few community efforts below:



BIRTHING BEAUTIFUL
COMMUNITIES

Birthing Beautiful Communities – a community of birth workers, or doulas in Cleveland, primarily providing support to pregnant women at high risk for infant mortality during the perinatal period. *Birthing Beautiful Communities seeks to educate, support, and empower expectant mothers at every*

stage of their pregnancy and post-partum transition.



Restoring Our
Own Through
Transformation

ROOTT – Restoring Our Own Through Transformation. ROOTT is a reproductive justice organization in Columbus dedicated to addressing the concerns and needs of Black Women and Women of Color surrounding maternal and infant health through doula services and training, research, education, and consultation.



Queen's Village – a supportive community of powerful Black women who come together to take care of themselves and each other. One focus is addressing disparities in Black maternal health and infant loss. Queen's Village is dedicated to amplifying Black women's voices with chapters in Akron, Butler County, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Mahoning Valley, and Toledo.

OPQC and EMPOWER Webinars: Improving Perinatal Care for Patients with OUD



Join our upcoming **Empower Project webinars**, part of the Together for Better Care series by OPQC and the EMPOWER Project. These sessions focus on strategies and support for birthing people and parents with opioid use disorder (OUD).

Be sure to register for our **Breastfeeding for Patients with Substance Use Disorder session!**

Date: February 12
Time: Noon EST



[There's still time - Register Here!](#)



Narcan for the Perinatal Patient with Opioid Use Disorder

Date: March 20 | Time: Noon EST

[Register For March](#)



Supporting Perinatal Patients with Substance Use Disorder During the First Year Postpartum

Date: April 17 | Time: Noon EST

[Register For April](#)

A fifth webinar is being added in May to focus on addressing disparities in perinatal care for those with OUD. Join us in fostering a supportive community dedicated to the well-being of mothers with OUD and their newborns. **Don't miss these impactful sessions!**

Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative

