

**Newsletter: May 2021**  
Policy for Change

**Policy Update**

**Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act of 2021**

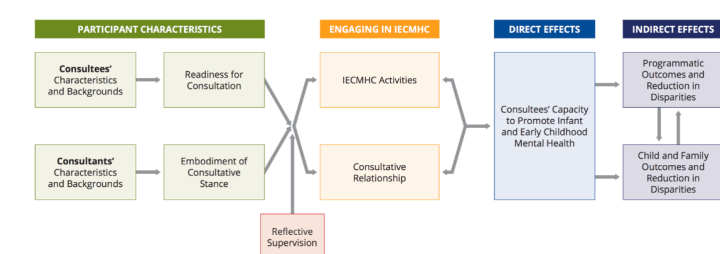


Pregnancy-related deaths are 3 to 4 times higher for Black mothers than white mothers in the United States. Hispanic, Native American, & AAPI mothers also experience disproportionate mortality and morbidity rates. These stats are devastatingly old news. Pushing forward, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, Congresswoman Alma Adams, Senator Cory Booker and members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus have introduced the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act of 2021. Read more about the bill [here](#) and find out how you can help support the bill's passage into law.

**Theory of Change**

**Why and How Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Works**

Theory of Change for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation



Georgetown University's Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (<https://www.iecmhc.org/>) has created a theory of change graphic to help unpack how and why Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) has a positive impact. Articulating the process can help to identify necessary resources, training, program management, and more. [Read more.](#)

**Intersectionality:**

**The Intersection of Race & Dis/Ability**



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Mr. Jacob Dixon, the Founder and CEO of Choice for All, a Long Island nonprofit, facilitated a conversation for the board members of the New York Zero-to-Three Network on April 19th, 2021. During his inspiring presentation, Mr. Dixon introduced participants to the concepts of intersectionality and ableism. He explained that "intersectionality is the framework for understanding different people's varying experiences in the world." As we apply the framework of intersectionality to our personal and professional lives, we will be taking into consideration how "systems of oppression and poverty connect, overlap and influence one another" (adapted from [Learning for Justice](#)). [Read more.](#)

**Advocacy Tool**

**State of Babies Yearbook: 2021**



Zero to Three has released their State of Babies Yearbook for 2021. The Yearbook is intended to help with advocacy by providing a "clear view of the significant disparities in opportunity for our youngest children." You can access the report for your work [here](#).

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