**New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute**

 **The MAP Forward: Raising the Bar for Maternal Health Equity**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

**8:30am – 3:30pm**

**The Conference Center at Mercer County Community College**

**AGENDA**

**8:30-9:00** **REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST**

**9:00-9:15 OPENING/WELCOME REMARKS**

**9:15-9:45 KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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New Jersey Department of Health

**9:45-10:45 PANEL PRESENTATION**

**Community Connections: Power of Partnership Through the Perinatal Community Advisory Board (PCAB) Model** This session will explore examples of how partnerships with community members leads to more equitable, person-centered care. Panelists will share insights on building trust, sustaining engagement, and embedding community leadership into processes.

**10:45 - 11:00 BREAK**

**11:00-12:00 WORKSHOP- SESSION I (Choose One)**

1. **Raising the Bar with Purpose: Aligning Benchmarks to Health Equity Goals**

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1. **Support at Every Stage: Exploring the Role of Male Doulos**

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1. **You Are the Advocate: Making Change Where You Live, Work, and Lead**

This session empowers individuals to recognize their influence and take action to advance health equity within their communities.

1. **Data in Action: CenteringPregnancy Data to Drive Decisions and Tell Stories**

Learn about the Centering Pregnancy model of care. Discover how the program uses both numbers and narratives to measure its impact and assess how it is improving care and advancing birth equity. Dig into the blend of quantitative and qualitative data.

1. **Community Conversation: Maternal Infant Health Innovation Authority Strategic Planning**

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**12:00-1:00 LUNCH & NETWORKING**

Lunch provided

**1:00-2:00 WORKSHOP- SESSION II (Choose One)**

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 **Elevating Perinatal and Postpartum Support: Perinatal Mental Health First Aid**

Perinatal Mental Health First Aid equips community members, providers, and support networks with the tools to recognize and respond to signs of mental health challenges during pregnancy and postpartum. This session highlights the importance of practical strategies for support, and the role of this training in fostering healthier outcomes for birthing individuals and families.

**2:45- 3:15** **INTERACTIVE REFLECTION AND INTENTION SETTING**

**3:15-3:30 EVALUATION AND CLOSING**