



## Who are we?

The project, Pregnancy and Birth Inequities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic is being undertaken by The Institute for Families in Society at the University of South Carolina with partial funding from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). (UofSC IRB approved Pro00100005)

## What issues guide the Voices Project?

As pregnancy, birth, and postpartum inequities continue to exist across South Carolina, particularly within the state's most vulnerable and resource-disadvantaged populations, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented new challenges. We recognize that health care and social service leaders throughout the state are working hard in these unprecedented times to provide services to these women and their families throughout their pregnancy, birth, and postpartum experiences. This critically important work offers insights surrounding maternal and newborn care delivery that need to be heard.

## What is the Voices Project doing?

We are conducting interviews with women and service leaders throughout South Carolina who participate in the Medicaid program to cover the costs of pregnancy-, birthing- and postpartum-related care.

## Why are the interviews important?

We want to bring the voices of currently or recently pregnant women, along with those of health care and social service leaders, directly to discussions about policies and practices related to Medicaid and pregnancy-, birthing- and postpartum care, especially as new solutions and approaches are tried during the pandemic.

## Who should participate?

Health care and social service leaders and stakeholders throughout South Carolina—including ObGyn, Pediatric, and Family Medicine providers, community organization leaders, and Community Health Workers—who provide care to pregnant, birthing, and/or postpartum women who use Medicaid to cover the costs of their care.

## What will you do?

You will participate in an interview with a Voices Project team member. The interview will last approximately 30 to 45 minutes via phone or Zoom to make sure you feel safe in this time of COVID-19.

If you would be willing to participate in an interview call or would like more information, please contact us at (833)286-4237 or (833)2VOICES or at [ifsreports@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:ifsreports@mailbox.sc.edu).