

MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER

ABOUT THE CENTER

As part of First Lady Tammy Murphy's Nurture NJ initiative to make New Jersey the safest and most equitable place in the nation to deliver and raise a baby, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) is currently developing a new Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center (MIHIC) located in the state capital, Trenton.

MIHIC is intended to serve as an anchor for equitable provision of maternal and infant health care services, social services and wraparound supports, data analysis and first-in-class research on maternal health care and equity in care, a training and education site for the perinatal workforce, a catalyst of new innovations to drive improved maternal and infant health outcomes, and serve as a central hub for New Jersey's stakeholders which include mothers and trusted community actors dedicated to improving the health of New Jersey's babies and mothers.



**COMPREHENSIVE
CLINICAL SERVICES**



**SOCIAL SERVICES AND
WRAP-AROUND
SUPPORTS**



**ACADEMIC RESEARCH
AND WORKFORCE
TRAINING CENTER**



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WORKING SPACE**



DATA COLLABORATIVE



**NON-PROFIT OR
GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATION**

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ORGANIZATION INTEREST FORM

This form is targeted toward organizations that wish to participate in the Center to deliver direct services in partnership with one of the selected Lead organizations. We particularly encourage organizations with deep experience in the Trenton community and with a track record of culturally competent service delivery that addresses legacies and patterns of systemic discrimination and bias that has led to disparate outcomes in maternal and infant health.

Expressions of interest are non-binding and purely for informational purposes. All of the contact information you provide on this form will be posted in a list and therefore NJEDA makes no representations as to who will view or use the information provided. Potential Request for Qualification (RFQ) respondents may choose to refer to this list and contact you about participating in MIHIC proposals. Inclusion in this list does not mean that you are eligible to participate, or that you will be contacted. All required fields must be completed to appear in the Interested Organization List.

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1. **Comprehensive clinical services** with continuity of care to serve women before conception, during pregnancy, and after birth, including reproductive health and gynecological services, pre- and post-natal obstetric care, behavioral health, and newborn care and pediatric services.
2. An **academic research and workforce training center** focused on maternal and infant health care policy and models of care, developing community leaders and expanding the perinatal workforce in New Jersey and beyond, including Midwives and community-based Doulas,

Community Health Workers, as well as continuing education for the existing perinatal workforce. This training hub will provide workforce and board training that is culturally-centered and equity-driven and serve as a key component of developing, attracting, and retaining culturally-competent perinatal health talent for New Jersey.

3. A **digitally connected innovation and co-working space** for researchers and entrepreneurs focused on developing technology, therapeutics, and other solutions to address maternal and infant health challenges. The NJEDA is prepared to enter into a long-term lease to serve as an anchor tenant to the Center, and will consider making funding available through its Strategic Innovation Centers (SIC) program to support the efforts of this component.
4. A **data collaborative** to collect and analyze maternal and infant health data across the state, with particular attention to racial disparities in outcomes. This data collaborative will amplify data trends and convene key stakeholders which includes community members to discuss trends in maternal and infant health outcomes. Data access will also be democratized to allow for community/grassroots access.
5. A **non-profit or governmental organization** focused on long-term stewardship of this vital policy arena and establishing New Jersey as the national leader in combating the scourge of maternal and infant health racial disparities.
6. **Social services and wrap-around supports provided at the Center and community partnerships** with existing organizations in the health, human services, education, or advocacy spaces focused on providing direct services that impact the social determinants of health.

In March 2023, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for three Lead roles to anchor the MIHIC:

1. Lead Healthcare Clinical Services Provider
2. Lead Institution of Higher Education
3. Lead Trenton-Based Multi-Service Organization

In tandem with the RFQ, NJEDA is seeking expressions of interests from organizations that may not meet the qualifications for or are not interested in serving in a Lead role, but may be interested in providing direct services or establishing partnerships with the MIHIC or the selected Lead partners (to be announced). Organizations that wish to express interest in participating in the Center can opt to fill out this form to have their information posted publicly on the NJEDA website and made available to RFQ respondents to facilitate potential partnerships.

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