



ADDRESSING ALL FACTORS:

Opportunities for Michigan to Improve Maternal and Infant Health

The health and longevity of newborn babies is a good measure of a society's overall well-being.

Right now, Michigan is not measuring up. With national rankings for maternal and infant health coming in the bottom half, it's clear we have a long way to go. But there's not a quick fix, and it's going to mean investing in the right resources to support moms and babies throughout our state.

Here are some key findings and recommendations for improving maternal and infant health outcomes. For more information, check out the *Right Start 2020: Thriving Babies Start with Strong Moms* report at www.mlpp.org

Systemic Issues

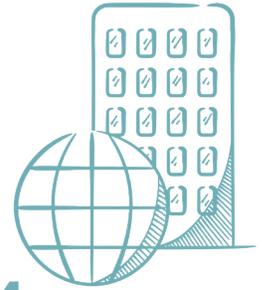
Nearly **53%**

of all pregnancy-related deaths in Michigan between 2011 and 2016 were preventable.

30% of women in the United States who gave birth in a hospital reported mistreatment from a healthcare provider.

1 in 4

women in the U.S. return to work within 10 days of giving birth



Policy Solutions: Advocate for paid parental leave | Restore Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit to 20% of federal credit

Access to Healthcare



Thanks in part to Medicaid expansion, **95%** of Michiganders have some type of health insurance.

5 million women in the United States live in a community without a doctor or facility that provides OB care.

1/2 of rural counties in the United States don't have a hospital that offers OB services, and maternal and infant mortality rates are greater in rural areas than urban areas.

Policy Solutions: Continue to support the Affordable Care Act and the Healthy Michigan Plan | Broaden reimbursement rates for rural health facilities and group prenatal care

Health Issues



59% of Michigan women age 18-44 were considered overweight or obese in 2018, which increases risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes.

Women in Michigan who receive inadequate prenatal care experience infant mortality **three times** as high as women who receive more prenatal care.

More than half of pregnancy-related deaths in Michigan occur postpartum, often due to issues involving mental health.

Policy Solutions: Expand home visiting programs | Extend Medicaid Coverage to 12 Months Postpartum | Enhance reimbursement rates for care that benefits maternal and infant health