

2018 Maternal Mortality One Day Conference

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, September 24

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Registration Open

9:30 – 10:15 AM

Plenary Session: Overview of our Current Maternal Mortality Crisis

This session will introduce the topic of the current maternal mortality crisis in the United States. The speaker will provide background on the issue and explain what factors are contributing to the crisis. The speaker will describe the ways in which this crisis is tied to larger systemic factors in our society such as racism, unconscious bias, toxic stress, and sexism. The speaker will wrap up by describing how we should be tackling this issue through changes to our policies, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors.

10:15 – 10:20 AM

Networking Break

10:20 – 11:45 AM

Maternal Mortality Panel

This panel session will dive deeper into the issue of maternal mortality and the ways that we should be combating the current crisis. Panelists will provide diverse perspectives, including those of the WIC community, healthcare providers, policy advocates, researchers, and community birthing providers.

11:45 – 12:30 PM

Small Group Discussion

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Lunch on Your Own

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Implicit Bias Training

This training will instruct attendees on how to identify and begin to overcome our implicit bias, especially the bias we have in approaching and counseling WIC participants. The speaker will first describe what implicit bias is, then describe the ways that it can negatively impact our ability to treat people equally in terms of our compassion and empathy. The speaker will then provide recommendations and tools for WIC staff members to use in addressing our implicit bias in order to best meet the needs of pregnant women and mothers of color who enter our clinics.

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Networking Break

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Table Activities, Asset Mapping/Coalition Building

This will be a time to meet in small groups to reflect on the lessons of the day and discuss how WIC staff can use our unique expertise and assets to address this issue. Attendees will be given an opportunity to describe their own experiences with maternal mortality, unconscious bias, and any of the other issues brought up during the first three sessions.

5:00 PM

Conference Adjournment