

INFO ABOUT BMIP

SHORT HISTORY

Black Mothers In Power was birthed in September 2019 as a grassroots issue campaign with Network Delaware and Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League in Wilmington, Delaware.

Black mothers in Power's main focus is addressing the disparities in maternal care for Black birthing people in Delaware through community awareness, community programming, and community organizing.

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Eradicating
Birth
Disparities
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through
legislation



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BMIP POLICY PRIORITIES

AFFORDABILITY FOR MIDWIVES

- Require reimbursement rates for midwifery care by Delaware's Medicaid agency
- Require private health insurance to improve reimbursement rates for midwifery care

BIRTH CENTER

- Require the state government to provide funding for an accessible birth center in Delaware
- Require Medicaid-managed care plans to expand their networks to include freestanding birth centers

POSTPARTUM CARE

- Require the state's public health department to tap into new federal funding for maternal mental health
- Require that all hospital staff who care for pregnant women be trained about maternal mental health conditions
- Mandate doctors, nurse practitioners, and midwives to screen their patients during and after pregnancy

MORE OPTIONS FOR HOME BIRTH

- Improve reimbursement rates for home births by Delaware's Medicaid agency
- Require private health insurance to improve reimbursement rates for home births

ADDRESSING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

- Mandate Implicit Bias and Racism Training for all medical professionals
- Mandate external independent investigations of patient's complaints about hospitals and healthcare providers

VBAC IN DELAWARE

- Mandate training for doctors and hospitals on how to facilitate VBAC

OUR 2022 POLICY PRIORITIES

INCARCERATED PROGRAMS

- Have *doulas* provide support to incarcerated birthing people before, during and after child-birth
- Have the *shackle code* tightened in Delaware so that a medical professional decides on the necessity of shackling during child-birth instead of correctional officers

AFFORDABILITY FOR DOULAS

- Require reimbursement rates for doula services by Delaware's Medicaid agency
- Require private health insurance to improve reimbursement rates doula services

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