



## Newsletter 2025

*February / March*

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TO CAST OFF ONE'S CHAINS,  
BUT TO LIVE IN A WAY THAT  
RESPECTS AND ENHANCES  
THE FREEDOM OF OTHERS.

– NELSON MANDELA



### Black History

African Americans have played a central role in shaping U.S. history. From slavery and its abolition to the Great Migration, the civil rights movement and military, scientific, cultural and political achievements, explore key moments, milestones and figures in Black History.

[Black History: Facts, People & Month | HISTORY](#)



### Women's History

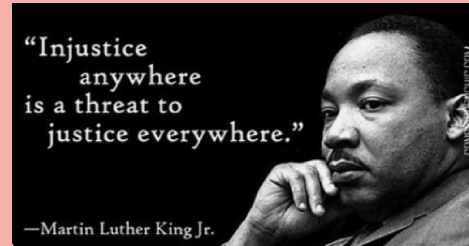
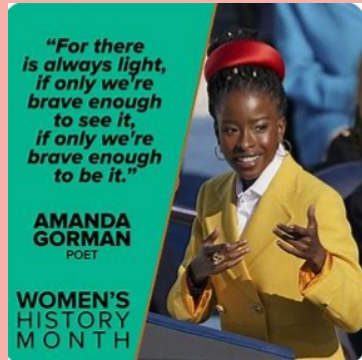
is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

Women's History Month 2025 will take place from Saturday, March 1-Monday, March 31, 2025.

[Women's History Month 2025 - Origins, Facts & Quotes | HISTORY](#)

Since 2022, the ACURE4Moms study has made great strides towards increasing awareness of maternal health inequities across North Carolina. We are so proud of the dedicated team members who are making this important research study possible.

# Updates



## Maternal Health Equity Education & Training (MHEET) Sessions: 139 total completed

### Recruitment & Enrollment:

- 49 sites randomized
- 38 active sites
- 33,402 patients enrolled
- Wake Forest Baptist started 12/12/24

### Longitudinal Patient Survey:

- 9,371 potentially eligible participants
- 3,420 assessed for eligibility
- 1,382 enrolled; 380 withdrawn
- Completed surveys:
- Survey #1: 946
- All CBRC are onboarded
- 24 CBRCs actively recruiting
- 12 CBRCs are now recruiting participants for 2 sites

### Community Based Doula Partners:

#### MOMMA'S VILLAGE FAYETTEVILLE

- # Doula referrals (11 practices) 678
- 183 clients matched with a doula
- # doula supported births (as of 1/31/25): 74

#### MAAME INC.

- # Doula referrals (9 practices) 398
- 33 clients matched with a doula
- 50 doula supported births
- 10 births in Dec 2024-Jan 2025

MVF created a provider reporting form to send back information on assigned doula clients to practice referral specialists

MAAME sent first monthly report to

- MHEET #1: 30 completed (8 observed)
- MHEET #2: 28 completed (9 observed)
- MHEET #3: 28 completed (10 observed)
- MHEET #4: 23 completed (9 observed)
- MHEET #5: 17 completed (5 observed)
- MHEET #6: 8 completed (3 observed)
- MHEET #7: 5 completed (1 observed)
- MHEET Session 8 is in development

### Pre-Implementation Interviews:

- 136 staff completed pre-implementation interviews (5 from practices that have dropped out)
- All transcripts coded
- Finalizing initial analysis of pre-implementation interviews
- CMIH team has received constructive feedback from mid-point implementation interviews conducted to-date.
- Working to address feedback in real-time. Creating a document with deidentified data with general feedback about MHEETs.

### Mid-Point Interviews:

clinics in February 2025

Both MVF and MAAME onboarded new doulas as needs shift to provide additional support for certain areas

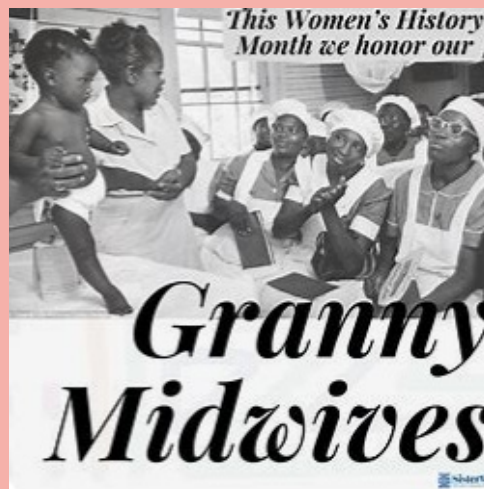
- 54 staff completed mid-point implementation interviews
- Recruitment has started for the next practices
- Scheduled 4
- Recruiting 10

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**ACURE4Moms**

Accountability for Care through Undoing Racism & Equity

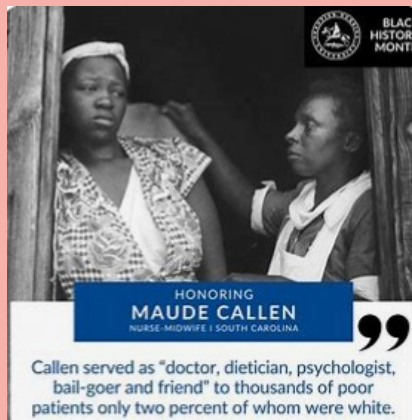
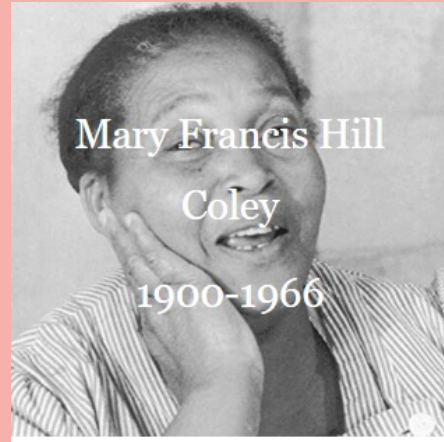
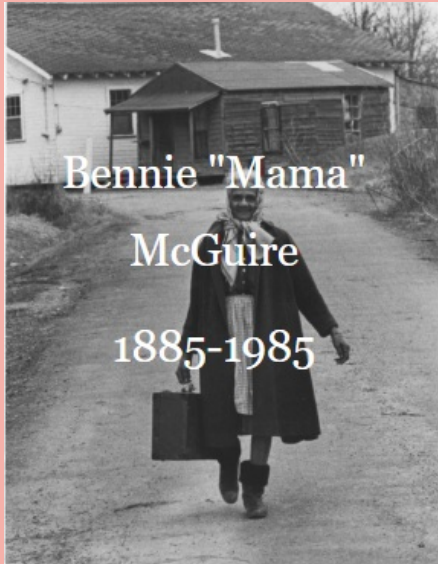


### The Historical Significance of Doulas and Midwives

Early African American midwives were important members of their community, even among enslaved individuals. Slave owners used these medical practitioners to ensure the health of their reproducing enslaved women and their newborn infants to expand their labor force. It was also common for midwives to attend to the slave master's wives during birth as well. A good midwife might receive pay for their labor and be allowed to journey long distances to work, granting them a level of mobility that was rare for most enslaved individuals. As a result, these medical practitioners could maintain community connections and ancestry records even when households disbanded, and members of the family were sold off.

After Emancipation, African American midwives, often known as "Granny

Midwives,” continued to work with both black and white women in rural and remote parts of the South. Often hospitals were rarely accessible and there were few willing or trained doctors available to serve these populations, making midwives the only viable option for expectant mothers. However, the role of the midwife would change in the latter half of the twentieth century as the practice of delivering babies became a medical specialty. (Learn more by clicking the link above titled: *The Historical Significance of Doulas and Midwives*)





**Click the featured blog:  
The History of Black  
Midwives in America**

## ENROLLED SITES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>UNC GOG at Weaver Crossing &amp; UNC Horizons</b></li><li>• <b>UNC OB/GYN at Panther Creek</b></li><li>• <b>UNC Maternal Fetal Medicine at Vilcom</b></li><li>• <b>UNC Maternal Fetal Medicine at Rex</b></li><li>• <b>keMed Raleigh Campus (Andrews Center)</b></li><li>• <b>WakeMed Cary</b></li><li>• <b>WakeMed Raleigh (Oberlin Street &amp; Clayton Combined)</b></li><li>• <b>WakeMed North</b></li><li>• <b>Galatians Community Health</b></li><li>• <b>Nash OB-GYN Associates</b></li><li>• <b>Rural Health Group, Inc.</b></li><li>• <b>ECU OBGYN (ECU Brody OB)</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health OB/GYN-Bolivia (Brunswick)</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Coastal OB/GYN Shipyard</b></li><li>• <b>Southern Pines Women's Health Center</b></li><li>• <b>UNC Southeastern</b></li><li>• <b>Cone Health Alamance OB/GYN at Burlington</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Harbor Pointe OB/GYN</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Durham Women's Clinic</b></li><li>• <b>Chapel Hill OBGYN</b></li><li>• <b>Green Valley OB/GYN</b></li><li>• <b>Cone MedCenter for Women</b></li><li>• <b>Cone Femina</b></li><li>• <b>Cone Stoney Creek &amp; Drawbridge Parkway</b></li><li>• <b>Cone Kernersville &amp; High Point</b></li><li>• <b>Cone Family Tree</b></li><li>• <b>UNC Women's Health at Eden</b></li><li>• <b>Atrium Wake Forest Baptist OBGYN Downtown Health Plaza</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Triad Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Valaoras &amp; Lewis OB/Gyn</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Waughtown OB/Gyn &amp; Today's Woman</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health WomanCare</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health City Lake OB/Gyn</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Providence OB/Gyn</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Queen City OB/GYN</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Randolph OB/Gyn</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Rankin OB/Gyn</b></li><li>• <b>Novant Health Southeast OB/Gyn</b></li></ul> |
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