

(DIS)RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE: AN IPE COLLABORATION

If you were trying to invent the most efficient way to devastate communities and put children in danger, you would invent maternal mortality.

-Bill and Melinda Gates

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INTRODUCTION

Maternal mortality rates are alarmingly high, especially for Black women.

- **AWHONN's Framework:** Focuses on dignity, privacy, and equitable care
- **Collaborative Approach:** Interprofessional collaboration to improve outcomes
- **Impactful Change:** Transforming maternity care to save lives

BACKGROUND

AWHONN's Respectful Maternity Care :

- Core Values: Dignity, privacy, and equitable care for all birthing individuals.

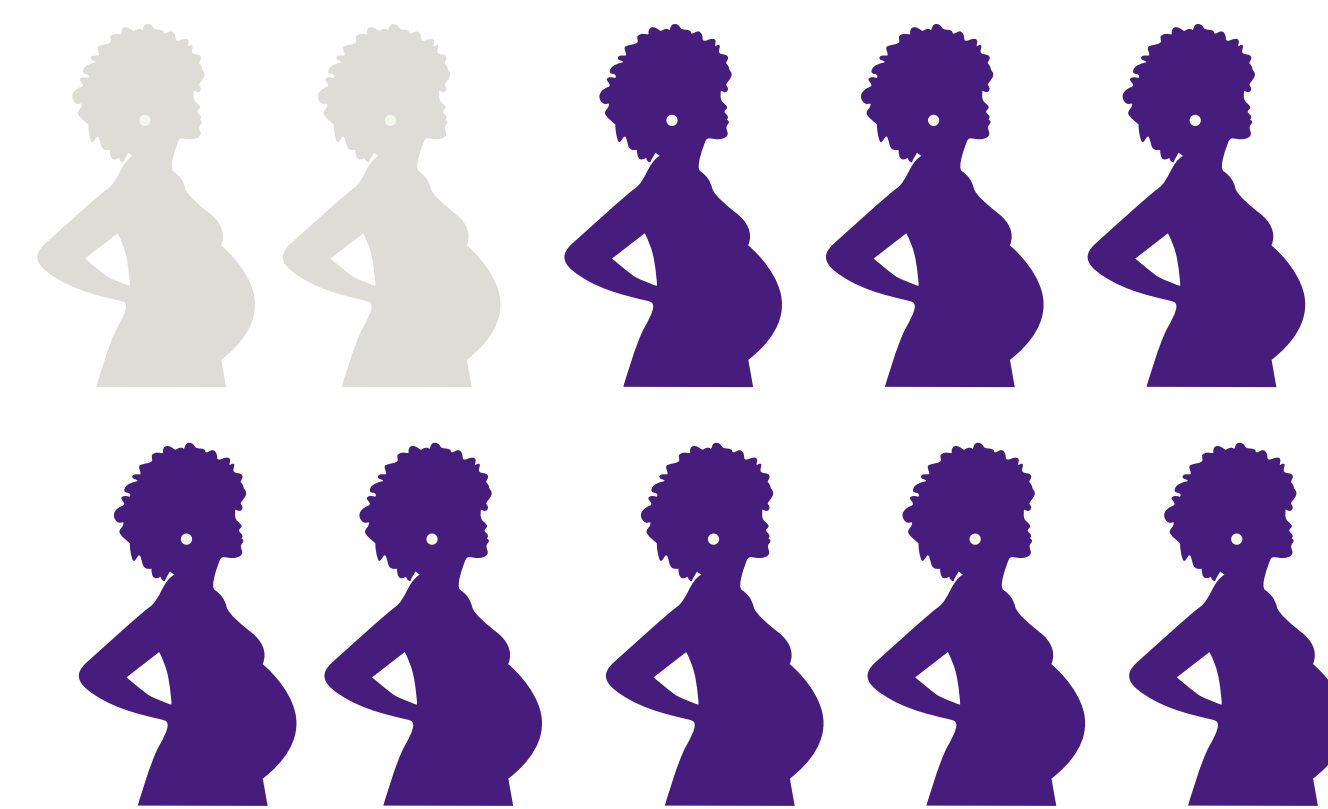
Interprofessional Education (IPE):

- **Collaboration: Enhances** teamwork and communication among healthcare professionals.
- **Framework Integration:** Combines IPE with AWHONN's principles to improve maternity care.
- **Impact:** Reduces disparities and improves outcomes through coordinated, respectful care.

OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the principles of the AWHONN's Respectful Maternity Care Framework.
2. Develop interprofessional communication and teamwork skills.
3. Apply respectful maternity care practices in simulated clinical scenarios.
4. Identify and address implicit biases and systemic barriers in maternity care.
5. Evaluate the impact of interprofessional collaboration on maternal outcomes.

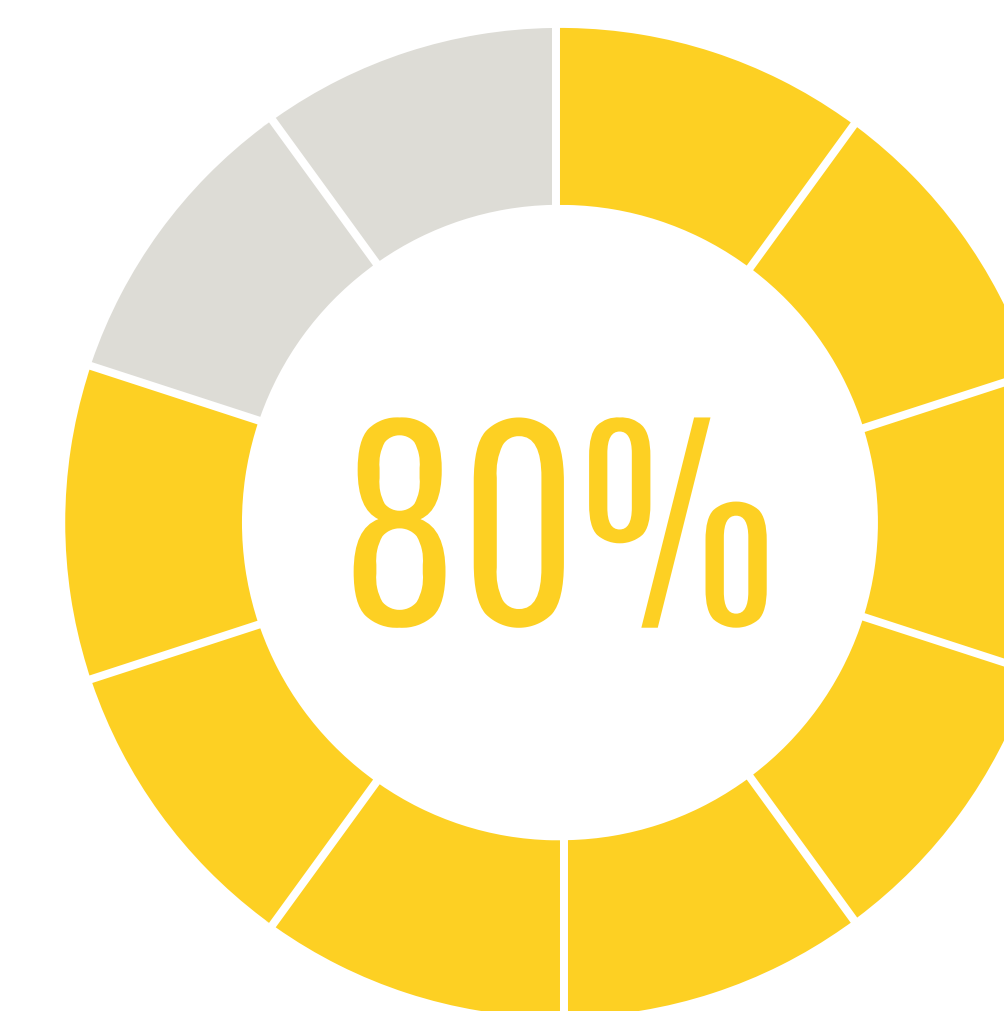
UGLY TRUTH



Black women are 3-5 x more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than White women

Racism, mistreatment, disrespect, and abuse = poorer childbirth outcomes and experiences

Black mothers report feeling unheard during maternity care = negative health outcomes



Over 80% of these deaths are preventable!

INTERVENTION

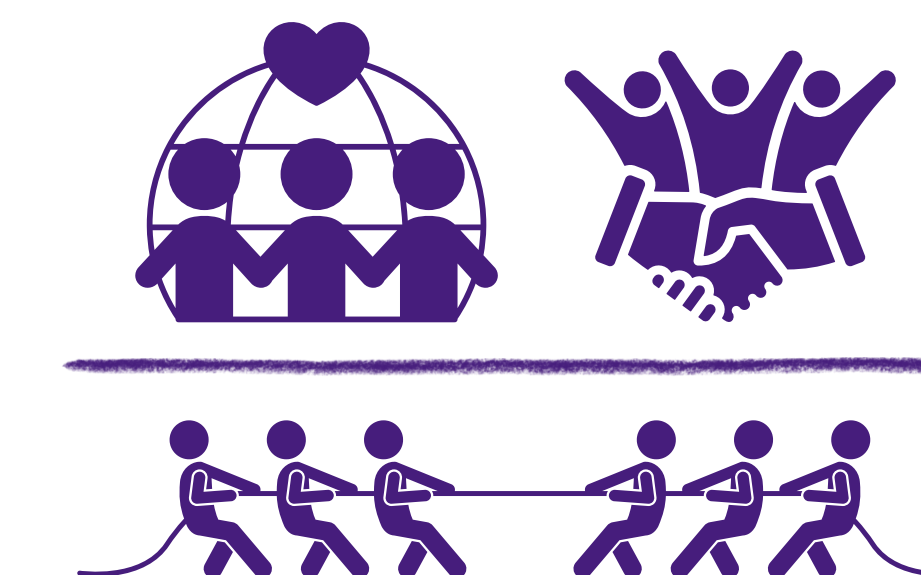
Overview:

- **Duration:** 8-hour workshop (pilot)
- **Participants:** Students from nurse-midwifery, nursing, medical, dental, allied health, and public health disciplines
- **Focus:** Hands-on activities and high-fidelity simulations

Workshop Structure

- Introduction and Icebreakers
- Lecture and Discussion:
 - Maternal mortality
 - Respectful Maternity Care Framework
- High-Fidelity Simulations
- Hands-On Skills Stations
- Case Studies and Role-Playing
- Evaluations and Feedback

FUTURE IMPLICATIONS



BARRIERS

- **Scheduling Conflicts**
- **Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration**
 - Communication gaps
 - Hierarchical structures
- **Attitudinal and Perceptual Barriers**
 - Resistance to change
 - Bias and stereotypes
- **Curriculum Integration**
 - Lack of curriculum time
 - Assessment and evaluation
- **Training and Faculty Development**
 - Faculty training/collaboration
 - Ongoing professional development
- **Institutional Support**
 - Administrative buy-in
 - Sustainability

FACILITORS

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Clear Communication
- Pilot Programs
- Professional Development
- Flexible Scheduling

CONCLUSION

Addressing Racial Disparities:

- **Objective:** Enhance the quality of care and reduce maternal mortality rates, particularly among Black women.

Interprofessional Collaboration:

- **Approach:** Foster teamwork to tackle disrespectful treatment in maternity care.

Pilot Simulation:

- **Impact:** If successful, this initiative could expand into a comprehensive course.

Future Vision:

- **Goal:** Contribute to the improvement of maternity care for all.



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Biography

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