

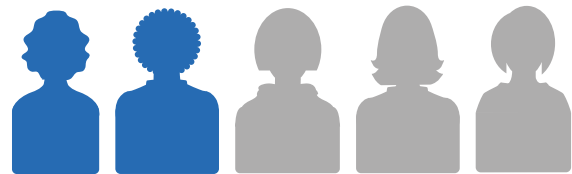
Summary of Strategies to Address and Prevent Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) through CA Maternal Health Initiatives

Pregnant people are more likely to be murdered during pregnancy or immediately postpartum than they are to die from hypertensive disorders, hemorrhage, or sepsis, the three leading obstetric causes of maternal mortality.



2 in 5 women

in the US have experienced IPV in their lifetimes.



People who experience IPV during pregnancy are:



3 times more likely to experience postpartum depression.



30 percent less likely to receive adequate prenatal care.



More likely to experience stillbirths, pelvic fractures, and preterm delivery.

Recent CA and federal policies to reduce disparities in maternal health offer opportunities to address and prevent IPV. Policymakers, managed care plans, and health care providers can partner with IPV experts to make a difference. Here's how:



Raise awareness about the health impacts of IPV among pregnant people.



Promote economic stability for pregnant and postpartum people.



Safeguard survivor privacy across and within systems.



Screen for mental health conditions during prenatal and postpartum periods.



Support and fund multi-sectoral community collaboratives to infuse IPV into social determinants of health (SDOH) and birth equity work.



Strengthen and expand referral networks between managed care plans and IPV community-based organizations.



Give health care providers tools to connect at-risk people with culturally-responsive, supportive prenatal education and parenting programs.



Expand IPV-trained non-medical workforce (doulas, community health workers, promotores, and IPV advocates) for maternal health programs.



Train prenatal care providers and pediatricians to provide universal education and address IPV.



Provide universal education and cover IPV services during postpartum medical and home visits.

For more details on these recommendations click the link here blueshieldcafoundation.org or **scan the QR code**.

