

DOULA LEGISLATION

MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY MOVEMENT

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SCIENCE AND EVIDENCE BASED

HEALTHY MOM

Full Term Pregnancy Women more informed, educated and empowered Reduce maternal mortality rates Increase breastfeeding rates Reduce inequities and disparities

Improved Birth Outcomes MOD MISSION

STRONG BABIES

Full Term Baby Normal Birth Weights Good Apgar Scores Reduce Infant Mortality Rates Reduce Low Birth Weight Reduce Preterm Birth Mother and Baby Bonding Increase Breastfeeding rates



LEARNING FROM DOULAS

Town Halls – MA, NY and CT

- Listening and learning sessions
- Legislative process "legislative doula"





DOULA LEGISLATION

Key elements for successful legislative movement

In 2020, (16) states with pending doula legislation:

Maryland, Virginia, Arizona, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Washington, Illinois, California, Minnesota, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Connecticut, Ohio, North Carolina, and Michigan.

WORKFORCE **AND LIVING Rural Areas** WAGE **Training and** REIMBURSEMENT Certification

DOULA LEADERSHIP

State **Partnerships**

MEDICAID

RATES



CONGRESSIONAL ATTENTION

National Partners: March of Dimes March for Moms **Every Woman Counts** National Health Law: Doula Medicaid Project AMCHP, ACOG, AAP Maternal Health Equity Coalition Mom and Baby Action Network DONA International, ... and many more.







CONGRESSIONAL CHAMPIONS

MOMNIBUS

HR 6142 (Underwood/Adams) – S.3424 (Harris)

Black Maternal Health Caucus

MOMMAS ACT

HR.1897 (Kelly) - S.916 (Durbin)

Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness Act

MATERNAL HEALTH EQUITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2019 HR. 4995 (Engle) HELPING MOMS ACT OF 2019

HR.4996

Helping Medicaid Offer Maternity Services



