



# Adverse Birth Outcomes Recommendations

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# Presentation Overview

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# Committee Overview

Purpose: To create proposed recommendations to eliminate disparities in in adverse birth outcomes

Round 1: Six meetings in Winter/Spring 2015

Round 2: Four meetings in Summer/Fall 2015

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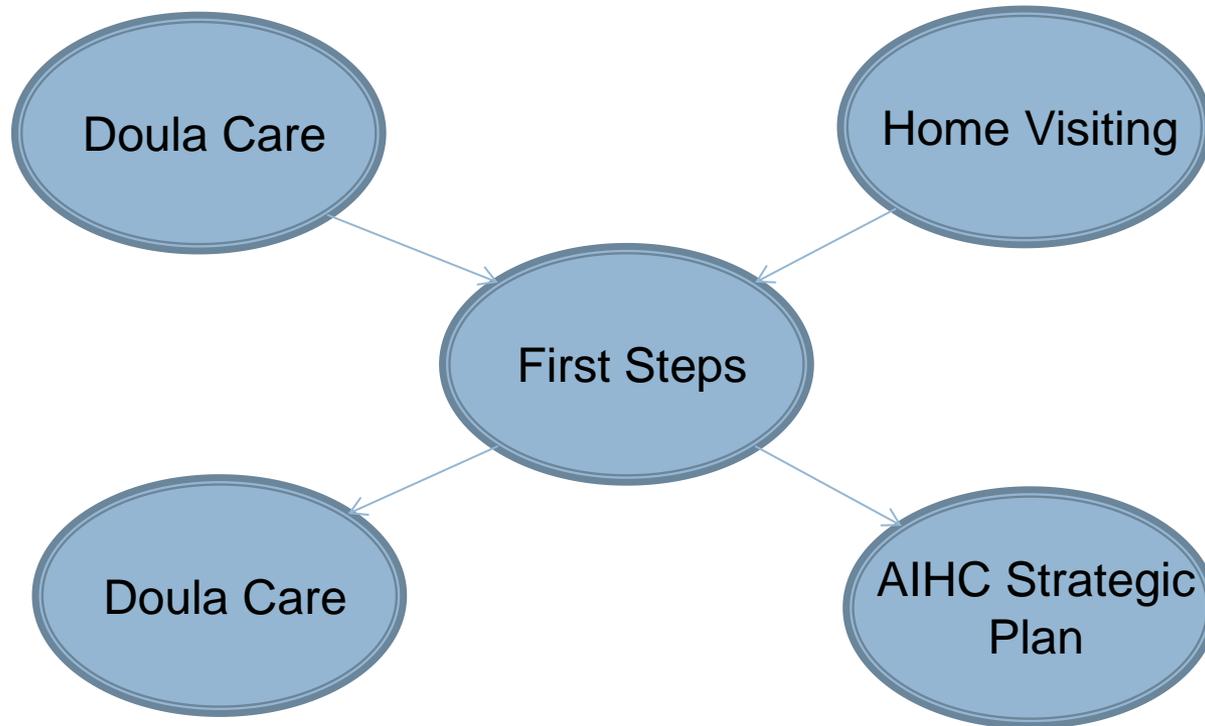
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# Round 1 Recommendations

- ▶ Fund local communities at high risk for adverse birth outcomes.
- ▶ Increase funding for First Steps to enhance the Maternity Support Services program.
- ▶ Promote equity in state government through training, tools, and increased capacity for Health Impact Reviews

# Round 2 Deliberations



# Recommendation 1

- ▶ Legislature should fund HCA to provide Medicaid reimbursement for doulas
  - Allow reimbursement for prenatal visits, birth, and follow up.
  - Ensure doulas meet qualification criteria.
  - Contract with Tribes, Urban Indian Organizations, or accredited community-based doula programs.
- ▶ Legislature should fund/incentivize the development of doula programs and a more diverse doula workforce.

# Recommendation 1 Evidence

- ▶ Doula care associated with:
  - Lower cesarean rates
  - Reduced use of pain medication
  - Reduced use of vacuum extraction or forceps
  - Shorter labor
  - Greater satisfaction
  - Higher 5-minute Apgar scores
- ▶ Doula care associated with NO harm
- ▶ Models show cost savings for Medicaid

# Recommendation 2

- ▶ In an effort to improve access to services and improve birth outcomes for American Indian/Alaska Native women, as well as other women of color, the Legislature should support the recommendations outlined in the American Indian Health Commission's Maternal–Infant Health Strategic Plan.

# Questions?