

# Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative News

The **Maternal and Child Health Program** of the **Idaho Department of Health and Welfare** and **Comagine Health** have partnered to establish Idaho's Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC). IDPQC brings together clinical providers, public health leaders, payers and community-based organizations to improve outcomes for pregnant people and babies.



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## April 2024

### Last Chance to Register for the IDPQC Annual Summit!

**When: May 16, 2024**

**Where: Boise State University or Virtual**



In-person registration closes on **May 1**. Registration for virtual attendance is available until the day of (May 16).

Attendance is **FREE** and topics will include:

- The State of the State: Maternal Health in Idaho
- Implementing the AIM Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle
- Perinatal Mental Health

The summit agenda is available on the [IDPQC website](#).

The **University of Idaho WWAMI Medical Education** will be offering continuing education credits to attendees for the 2024 IDPQC Summit. These credits are available for both in-person and virtual attendees. Please review [this document](#) for detailed credit designation information.

[Register for the IDPQC Summit](#)

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**Idaho Title V Maternal & Child Health Program**  
5 Year Needs Assessment Survey

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**  
Your feedback will help inform future initiatives to improve the health and well-being of women and children across Idaho.

Scan QR Code here:



**Open to all Idaho residents**      **Only takes 10 minutes to complete**

Please contact Lisa MacKenzie for any questions or concerns  
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Survey available in English and Spanish



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE  
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## Please Fill Out the Title V 5-Year Needs Assessment Survey

Every five years, Idaho's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program conducts a comprehensive, statewide needs assessment to collect information related to existing services and programs, population needs, gaps and barriers in care, health status, and emerging issues for MCH populations to assure that the MCH Program is guided by the unique needs of Idaho. The MCH program is partnering with the Center for Health Policy at Boise State University to conduct the needs assessment and this anonymous survey is one tool to help collect this important information.

Follow this link to complete the survey: [Needs Assessment Survey](#)

Read the [MCH Executive Summary](#) to learn more.

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## Free Resources for Maternal Health Awareness Month in May

*Order free promotional items to spread the word!*

The Maternal and Child Health Program at the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare is working to increase awareness of the [National Maternal Mental Health Hotline](#) among medical providers. The hotline provides 24/7, free, confidential support, resources and referrals to any pregnant and postpartum mothers facing mental health challenges and their loved ones. The service is available via phone and text in over 65 languages. Expect to see ads on LinkedIn through June.

You can help promote the hotline by ordering free [Maternal Mental Health Hotline magnets](#) (English and Spanish) and notebooks to distribute to maternal health providers and new and expecting mothers. Please contact [idahomch@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:idahomch@dhw.idaho.gov) to place your order. Limited quantities available.

Additionally, the Office on Women's Health has a new **postpartum depression campaign toolkit** if organizations are interested: [Talking PPD: Campaign Toolkit](#).



## Resource: Urgent Maternal Warning Signs

The Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) has [available signage](#) listing common symptoms that indicate the possibility of a serious maternal health concern. These patient-focused materials are a colorful addition to any practice setting and are available in a variety of languages.

## Webinar: Rural Maternal Health Series

The “Birthing-Friendly” program, initiated by CMS in fall 2023, aims to recognize and promote high-quality maternity care. Hospitals seeking this prestigious designation must adhere to a two-component measure established by CMS. The Rural Health Information Hub has provided a recording and transcript of this [informational webinar](#).

Interested in learning more? Watch the whole series [here](#). The last session is April 23, 2024.

[Register here](#)

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## Previous Newsletters

Due to a syncing error, some contacts may not have received the March IDPQC Newsletter. If you didn't receive the March edition, or would like to read it again, you can find a link on the [News and Events section of the IDPQC website](#).

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## Follow Us

Follow the IDPQC Activity Summary Basecamp Page to learn more about the development process of the PQC [here](#). For more information about the IDPQC, visit [idahopqc.org](http://idahopqc.org).



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