

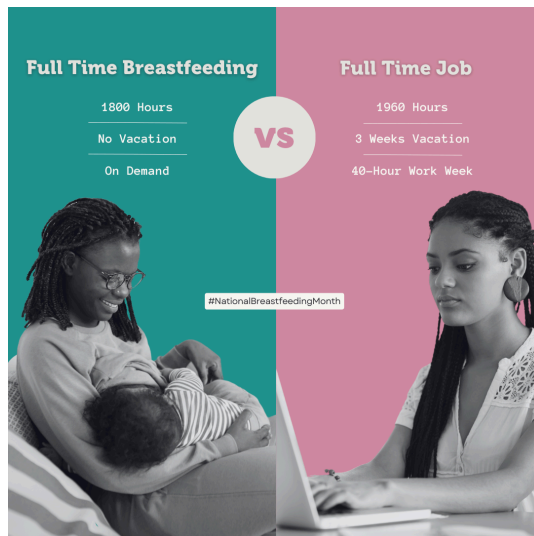
# Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative News

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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## August 2024



## August is National Breastfeeding Month

August is National Breastfeeding Month, and this year's theme is **Nourish, Survive, Thrive**. Learn how you can join the celebration of the incredible work that organizations are doing to make the world a little more friendly for new parents and families at [www.usbreastfeeding.org](http://www.usbreastfeeding.org).

Breastfeeding is a full-time job in and of itself: a year of breastfeeding equates to a conservative estimate of 1,800 hours in a year. Compare that to a 40-hour work week role at 1,960 hours a year!

Breastfeeding is not a one-person job. It requires encouragement and support from skilled counsellors, family members, health care providers, employers, policymakers and others.

Access to paid leave is a critical support: establishing and maintaining exclusive breastfeeding requires that all nursing parents have access to at least 18 weeks, and preferably 6 months or more, of paid parental leave.

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## Webinar: Perinatal Mental Health

The Idaho Psychological Association is offering a three-part CE series (6 CE hours total) on perinatal mental health featuring national experts.



This series will primarily focus on perinatal diagnosis of mood/anxiety disorders, psychiatric medication management considerations for these disorders, and include a pediatric perspective on infant/early childhood health. This series will focus on how psychologists working within and outside of comprehensive, multi-disciplinary health settings can best support expectant/new mothers and their families.

More details forthcoming. Registration to open closer to the event date.

- **When:** November 01, 2024
- **Location:** via Zoom

Learn more [here](#).



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# The White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis: Two Years of Progress



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## Press Release: The White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis: Two Years of Progress

In June 2022, Vice President Harris announced the Biden-Harris Administration's [Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis](#). Its focus has been on reducing disparities in maternal health outcomes and improving the overall experience of pregnancy, birth and

postpartum for all women in the United States. Over the last two years, significant strides in improving maternal health for women across the country.

Some accomplishments include creating a new “[Birthing Friendly](#)” [hospital designation](#) so that women can more easily find high-quality maternity care, creating the first-ever baseline [federal health and safety requirements](#) for maternal emergency and obstetric services in hospitals. These new standards focus on ensuring emergency departments have sufficient protocols and supplies (e.g., “crash carts”) for obstetrical emergencies, that hospitals have procedures in place for transferring maternity patients to other facilities if they do not have the capabilities to provide sufficient care.

Read the full press release here: [The White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis: Two Years of Progress.](#)

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## IDPQC Acute Hypertension: Quality Improvement & AIM Patient Safety Bundle Implementation

Interested in joining the IDPQC Acute Hypertension: Quality Improvement & AIM Patient Safety Bundle Implementation but want to learn more first? Please reach out to Ami Hanna: [AHanna@comagine.org](mailto:AHanna@comagine.org).

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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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