



# Illinois Maternal Health Task Force

## ABOUT THE TASK FORCE

- The Illinois Maternal Health Task Force was first convened in March 2020
- Grew from 50-60 members to over 100 members
- Purpose: to create and implement a state-level strategic plan to improve maternal health

## MEETINGS (MARCH 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2024)

- The entire Task Force held 14 quarterly meetings and 7 Speaker Series learning events
- In addition, the Committees met with the following frequency:
  - Care Coordination: 12
  - CASE: 49
  - Root Causes: 41
  - Data: 16

## STRUCTURE

The Task Force consisted of four Committees who were responsible for implementing the Strategic Plan with the following objectives:

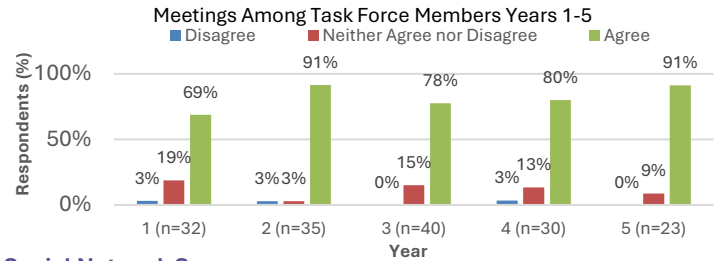
- **Care Coordination and Case Management:** Expand coordination of maternal and early childhood systems of care
- **Root and Structural Causes of Health Inequality:** Address social and systemic issues that alter pregnant and postpartum persons' ability to be healthy across the reproductive continuum
- **Community Access, Systems Equity, and Education (CASE):** Ensure all pregnant and postpartum persons have equitable access to quality care and disseminate information on resources, healthcare services, and patient rights to pregnant persons, families, and communities
- **Maternal Health Data for Action:** Increase awareness, access, and use of maternal health data, data systems, and resources to inform efforts to reduce severe maternal morbidity and maternal mortality

## EVALUATION & RESULTS

Evaluation of the Task Force occurred via the following methods:

### Membership Survey

- Annually (2020-2024): Members reflected on meetings/events and provided feedback on Strategic Plan and committee work
- Gained Knowledge About Maternal Health Status from Attending Task Force Meetings Among Task Force Members Years 1-5



### Social Network Survey

- Mid 2023: 26 organizations reflected on collaboration between organizations created or enhanced by the Task Force
- Members have a very dense network of collaboration; 25% of collaborations started during Task Force participation

### Key Informant Interviews

- Mid 2024: 18 members shared their perspectives on the successes and challenges of the Task Force and Strategic Plan
- Participation on the Task Force resulted in many personal and professional benefits. Time was the biggest challenge to participation.

## PRODUCTS

### Care Coordination and Case Management:

- Developed ~3 products
- Example product: the *2023 UNSS Workforce Availability and Scaling Report*

### Root and Structural Causes of Health Inequality:

- Developed ~12 products
- Example product: [Implicit Bias Training Inventory](#)

### Community Access, Systems Equity, and Education (CASE):

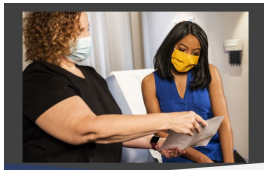
- Developed ~17 products
- Example product: [Maternal Health Digital Resource Library](#) and associated palm cards

### Maternal Health Data for Action:

- Developed ~5 products
- Example product: Hosted *County Level Data Resources for Maternal Health* webinar in May 2024



Want to save the Digital Resource Library to your phone?



Implicit Bias Training Inventory



Palm Cards & Maternal Health Digital Resource Library

## STRATEGIC PLAN

- [Version 1: February 2021](#)
- [Version 2: April 2022](#)
- [Version 3: January 2023](#)
- [Version 4: November 2023](#)
- [Version 5: June 2024](#)
  - Evolution of 14 strategies from 2021-2024
  - Data and recommendations on which each strategy is based, including the 2021 Illinois Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Report & the White House Maternal Health Blueprint
  - Activities, products, and deliverables



## ABOUT I PROMOTE-IL

I PROMOTE-IL (Innovations to ImPROve Maternal OuTcomes in Illinois) is one of the nine original projects funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration's State Maternal Health Innovation Program in 2019. This program was developed to support states implementing novel approaches to address maternal mortality and morbidity. I PROMOTE-IL is housed at the University of Illinois- Chicago and was funded from 2019-2024. Visit our website: <https://ipromoteil.org/>.