Secretary’s Advisory Commission on Infant Mortality

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Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project
Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau
When America gets a cold, Black people get pneumonia

Disparities in Incarceration
Disparities in Disease
Disparities in Employment
Disparities in Infant Mortality
Disproportionality and Disparity in Child Welfare
Disparities in...you name it!
African Americans are disproportionately diseased and dying from coronavirus

A Washington Post analysis of available data and census demographics found counties where most of the population is African American have "three times the rate of infections and almost six times the rate of deaths as counties where white residents are in the majority."
Coronavirus hits poor, minority communities harder

And it’s going to impact vulnerable Black women harder!
another CRISIS

RACISM
Palestinian-American artist Shirien Damra’s illustration paying tribute to George Floyd. Shirien.Creates / Instagram
experiences of mothers
Expectations of ourselves
Basic needs
common knowledge

Discovered needs
emerging awareness

Supporting moms
Impacts infants, children, families & communities
Infants Children

Too many, too small, too soon
Reach for something better!

If we want to celebrate the triumphant parts of our past, we must be willing to confront the negative parts as well”
- Douglas Blackmon
Thank you!