



Maternal and Child Health Policy Academy

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National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)

In February of 2021, DSS Medical Services and DOH Office of Child and Family Services jointly applied for a two-year policy academy to focus on maternal mortality through the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP).



Awarded
in April
of 2021

South Dakota was one of eight states selected to participate in the Policy Academy.

Participating states receive group and individual assistance to identify, develop and implement policy that will improve maternal health outcomes.

Goals

- ❖ Improve patient experience through medical home model.
 - ❖ Enhance patient education and risk to decrease maternal morbidity.
 - ❖ Identify and address social determinants of health and pregnancy risk.
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Ideas Being Explored

- **Maternal Health Home Model**

- Family Practice and OBGYN providers would potentially enroll as Maternal Health Homes.
- Enrolled providers could potentially receive an incentive payment for meeting quality metrics established to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

- **Expand Bright Start Home Visiting Program Locations**

- Increase the number of mothers receiving benefits of the existing program.

- **Pair DOH Nurses with Enrolled Providers**

- Collect pregnancy risk assessments
- Connect recipients to assistance for social or medical needs.

Progress

- Met with a variety of OBGYN providers across the state to gather feedback regarding
 - Appropriate and effective quality metrics
 - Patient and provider incentive ideas
 - Ideal role of the DOH nurse
- Developing recommendations for a potential Pregnancy Health Home Model for review and consideration by DSS and DOH leadership.