DOULA LEGISLATION

MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY MOVEMENT

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SCIENCE AND EVIDENCE BASED
HEALTHY MOM

- Full Term Pregnancy
- Women more informed, educated and empowered
- Reduce maternal mortality rates
- Increase breastfeeding rates
- Reduce inequities and disparities

STRONG BABIES

- Full Term Baby
- Normal Birth Weights
- Good Apgar Scores
- Reduce Infant Mortality Rates
- Reduce Low Birth Weight
- Reduce Preterm Birth
- Mother and Baby Bonding
- Increase Breastfeeding rates
LEARNING FROM DOULAS

Town Halls – MA, NY and CT

• Listening and learning sessions

• Legislative process – “legislative doula”
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Key elements for successful legislative movement

In 2020, (16) states with pending doula legislation:

CONGRESSIONAL ATTENTION

National Partners:
March of Dimes
March for Moms
Every Woman Counts
National Health Law: Doula Medicaid Project
AMCHP, ACOG, AAP
Maternal Health Equity Coalition
Mom and Baby Action Network
DONA International, … and many more.
CONGRESSIONAL CHAMPIONS

MOMNIBUS
HR 6142 (Underwood/Adams) – S.3424 (Harris)
Black Maternal Health Caucus

MOMMAS ACT
HR.1897 (Kelly) – S.916 (Durbin)
Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness Act

MATERNAL HEALTH EQUITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2019
HR. 4995 (Engle)

HELPING MOMS ACT OF 2019
HR.4996
Helping Medicaid Offer Maternity Services