

AGENDA

COMMUNITY, CONNECTION & CELEBRATION

04.02.22, 12-2PM
Spot Lite Detroit, 2905 Beaufait St #4,
Detroit, MI 48207



The
STATE
of BIRTH
JUSTICE

How do we create a state of birth justice in Michigan?

01. **Welcome:** Shanayl Bennett, Mothering Justice
02. **Introduction Special Guest:** Nkenge Burkhead, Mothering Justice
03. **Special Guest:** Senator Erika Geiss, Michigan State Senate, District 6
04. **Where Are We Now:** Elon Geffard & Nicole White, Birth Detroit
05. **Debut Video Colorado's Landmark Birth Equity Legislation:**
Leseliey Welch, Birth Detroit
06. **Change-maker Mingle & Chat:** Enjoy refreshments, music, each other and contribute to discussion boards around the room.
 - a. What does birth justice mean to you?
 - b. If you could snap your fingers and have a policy change around birth justice, what would it be?
 - c. As a change-maker, we all have a superpower. What would you say is your gift/superpower? (*Example: I am good at bringing people together.*)
 - d. What is motivating you to be here today?
07. **What Is Possible:** Nicole White, Birth Detroit & Shanayl Bennett, Mothering Justice

Thank you for participating in the State of Birth Justice!

Birth Detroit is a justice response to inequity in outcomes and care options, and to **COMMUNITY DEMAND**.

Birth Detroit conducted
Stakeholder interviews
Community survey
Community launch and learn
Provider and payor forums

400 mostly Black Detroiters took the survey

98% said a birth center is a good idea for their community

"Women of color have such a high mortality rate right now and we need to do something about it. Having [a birth center that is] accessible to the community would really help. Teaching moms-to-be that they have more options out there where they will be supported will really be a game changer." - Birth Detroit survey participant

"We want a birth center that caters to the Black community."
- Birth Detroit survey participant

The State of Birth Justice is a community coalition working to build urban-rural partnerships to increase access to midwifery care across the state of Michigan. Our purpose is to educate, inform, and engage our communities statewide in realizing birth justice.

What is your vision of birth justice in your community?

"Each person having true choice in their reproductive life and birth. This means good options existing, each person knowing about them, and each person being able to access them without fear of consequence and with adequate resources."
- State of Birth Justice survey participant

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!
Take the State of Birth Justice Survey!



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