

A pregnant woman is shown from the chest down, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the image, partially obscuring the woman's torso. The graphic has a light blue background with a white border and a stylized map of the United States in the center. The text 'BEN' is written in large, bold, black letters on the left side of the graphic.

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Birth Equity Training

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Meet Serena Williams

The ultrasound revealed nothing, so they sent her for the CT, and sure enough, several small blood clots had settled in her lungs. Minutes later she was on the drip. She said, "listen to Dr. Williams!"

Meet Dr. Chaniece Wallace, MD, a fourth-year pediatric chief resident

She died in October 2020 of pregnancy complications

Meet Dr. Shalon Irving, PhD: She went to the doctor/ER 3 times

Her last attempt to seek care, a nurse practitioner sent her home and said, "*There is nothing, we can do you have to give it more time?*"
She got 5 more hours that day and 4 days on life support



Women Health: The Historical Perspective

Production and Economics during slavery

- Black women bodies were used to increase production and economic gain.

Racism in Obstetrics and Gynecology

- Medical **Super bodies**-Father of Gynecology-**John Marion Sims**
- Black women are more hypersexual or lascivious, black women don't experience pain, black women are immodest

Hysterectomies

- By age 35, Black women are also two to three times to have their uterus removed, peak ages 18 and 44.

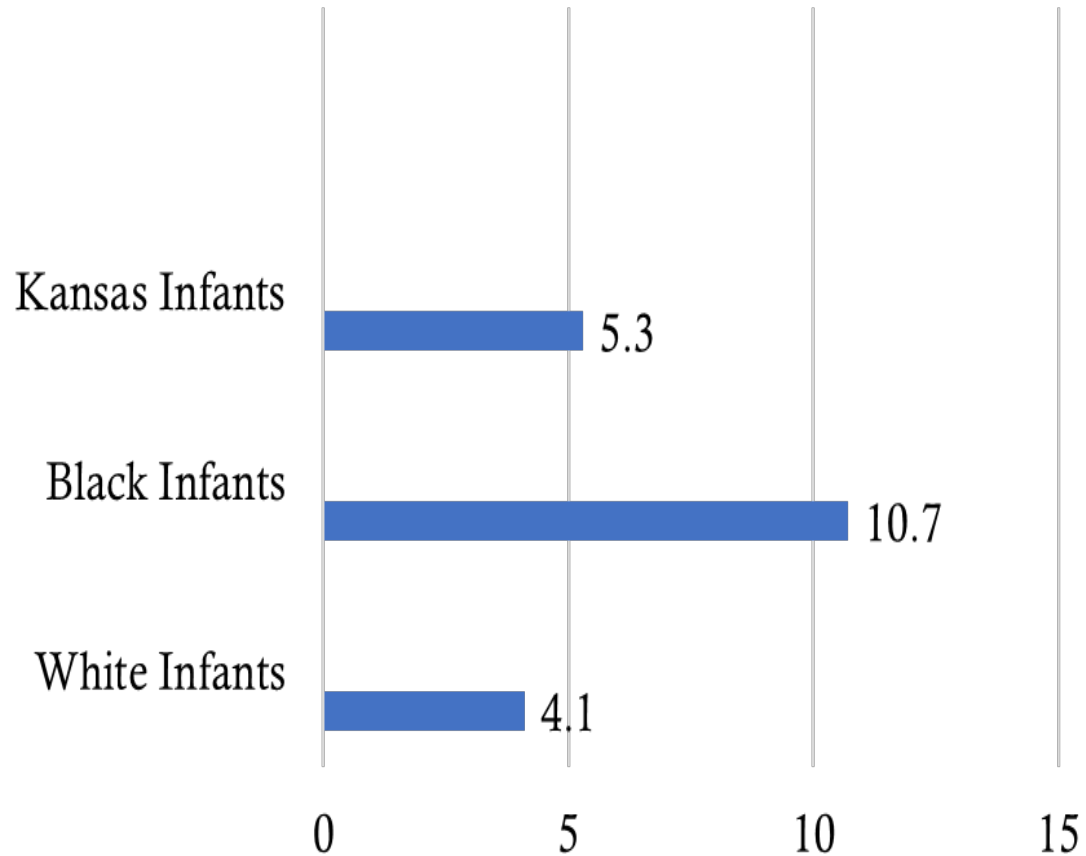
Control Through Reproduction

- The political game on women's rights and their bodies-reproductive injustices



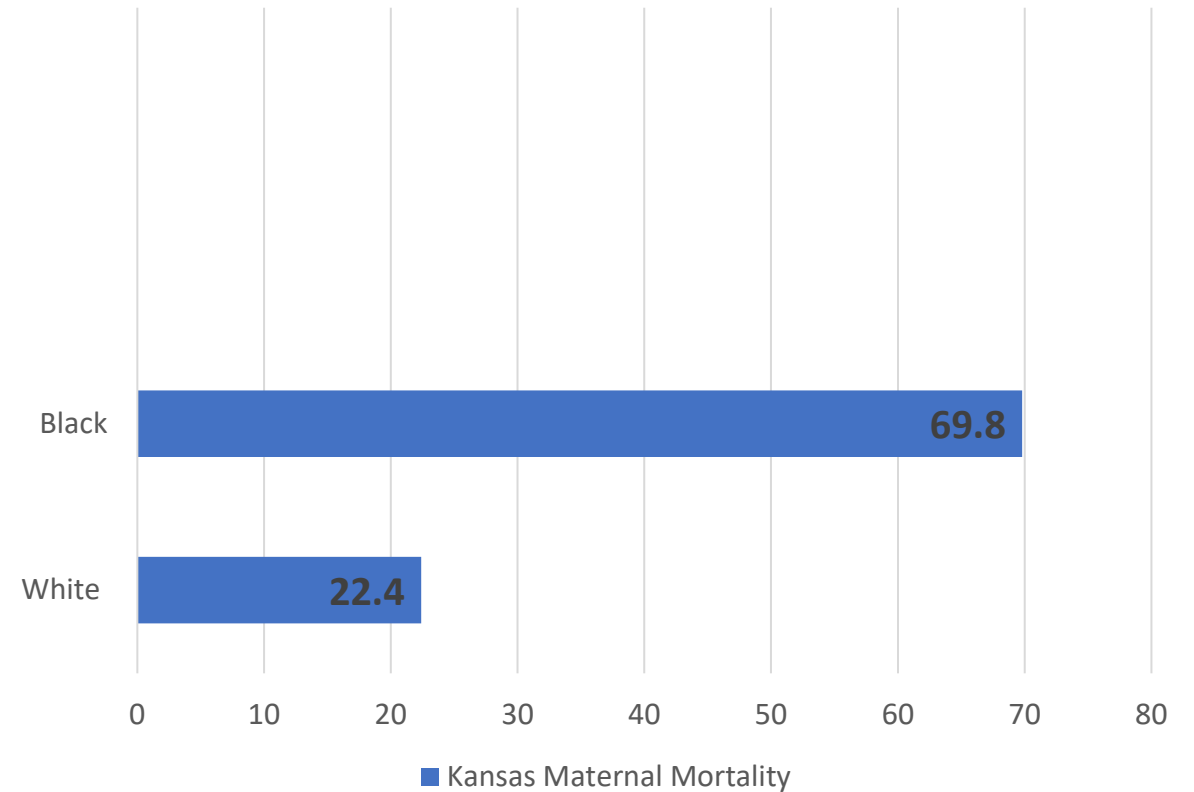
The Disparities

Kansas Infant Mortality Disparities



Kansas Maternal Mortality

(Deaths per 100,000 live births)



AHR, 2019

Finding the Root of Inequities

Black mothers who are college educated fare worse than women of all other races who never finished high school

Obese women of all races have better birth outcomes than black women who are of normal weight

Black women in the wealthiest neighborhoods do worse than White, Hispanic, and Asian mothers in the poorest ones

Black women who initiated prenatal care in the first trimester still have higher rates of infant mortality than non-Hispanic white women with late to no prenatal care.

Defining Birth Equity for Kansas

- *Birth equity shifts from blaming women for poor health outcomes to system-level accountability for programs/policies.*

Mission and Vision

Mission

To use a community centered approach to create solutions that improve Black maternal, paternal, and infant health in Kansas through training, research, healthcare, and advocacy.

Vision

- KBEN Vision : Every Black mom, dad, and infant receive quality and intentional prenatal, neonatal, and postpartum care in the state of Kansas.
- CD366 Vision: *Every Black birthing person, dad, and baby celebrates the baby's first birthday.*

Purpose

1

Provide an overview of health inequities in Kansas and actions to create health equity.

2

Provide an understanding of the various social and economic factors that contribute to Black maternal and infant health.

3

Provide the opportunity to learn about birth equity through amplifying Black voices, advocates, and providers.



Birth Equity Curriculum



The Need for Birth Equity

Community Engagement

The Uncomfortable Truth of Bias

The Black Postpartum Experience

Respectful Maternal Care

What can you expect to Unlearn?

Black women absolutely do not experience racism

We can determine the value of Black bodies

Black women need to be taught how to take care of their children

Black-led organizations should not be at the forefront of this work

Black fathers are absent.

The Approach to Terminology: SA, Birth Equity

Scientific Term/Other Terms	Meaning	Equitable Choice
Non-compliant	No choice in the care/decision making	Low Patient Activation
Vulnerable/Marginalized	No Value to society	Low Societal Support
Uneducated	De-valued/Lack of knowledge to care for self and child	Learning communities
Those people	No value/less than	No replacement
Low-income	Unworthy of equitable care	Underprivilege/Non-privileged individuals
Single-Parents	No fathers/partners	Partnerships/Solo
Race		Racism

Content & Timeline

Module	Title
1	Introduction
2	The Need for Birth Equity
3	Community Engagement
4	The Uncomfortable Truth of Bias
5	The Black Postpartum Experience
6	Respectful Maternal Care

- Five Modules
 - Short surveys at the end of each module
- Time to complete:
 - May 2022 – September 30, 2022
- Check Ins:
 - June
 - July

Next steps

- You will receive an email with a temporary password & link.
- You will create a new password when you first log in.
- Access Link: <https://bb.kumc.edu>

Expect:

- Email reminders & progress check ins

Accessing the curriculum





University of Kansas Medical Center Blackboard

Blackboard Announcements

Blackboard Collaborate Engagement Insights

Today Blackboard made improvements to Collaborate to give more engagement insights for Moderators. This new insight will show the number of chat messages and hands raised. As well as showing the percentage of participants who have participated in either of these items. To learn more please view the [Engagement Insights Panel](#) blog post.

Weekly Blackboard Maintenance Schedule:

PLEASE DO NOT begin any assessments or course activities that you cannot complete before 3 AM every Tuesday.

Every Tuesday is the regularly scheduled maintenance window. Blackboard may be briefly unavailable between 3 - 3:30 AM while Blackboard performs maintenance.

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Accessing the curriculum


- When you log in, you will see this screen.
- Click on “Courses” on the left column.


Accessing the curriculum


Click on “Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum” to access the curriculum.


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Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum

Original Course View

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Accessing the curriculum

- You can access each module here.

The screenshot displays the 'Course Content' page for the 'Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum'. The interface features a dark sidebar on the left with navigation links: 'Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum', 'Home Page', 'Announcements', and 'Course Content'. The main content area lists six modules, each with a folder icon and a title: '1. Introduction', '2. The Need for Birth Equity', '3. Community Engagement', '4. The Uncomfortable Truth of Bias', '5. The Black Postpartum Experience', and '6. Respectful Maternal Care'. Below these modules is a final entry with a folder icon, the text 'Congratulations! You have completed the curriculum', and a small upward arrow icon, followed by the instruction 'Please complete the evaluation and reflection!'. The top of the page has an orange header with 'Student Preview mode is ON' and 'Settings' and 'Exit Preview' buttons. The bottom of the page includes a copyright notice: '© 1997-2022 Blackboard Inc. All Rights Reserved.'

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Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum Course Content

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- 1. Introduction
- 2. The Need for Birth Equity
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Please complete the evaluation and reflection!

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Accessing the curriculum

- Click into a module to see the contents:
- videos,
- slides, &
- a brief survey at the end of each module.

The screenshot displays a web application interface for the 'Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum'. At the top, an orange header bar contains the text 'Student Preview mode is ON' and two buttons: 'Settings' and 'Exit Preview'. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum' > 'Course Content' > '2. The Need for Birth Equity'. On the left, a dark sidebar menu lists 'Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum', 'Home Page', 'Announcements', and 'Course Content'. The main content area, titled '2. The Need for Birth Equity', lists six items, each with a document icon and a title: 'The Need for Birth Equity', 'The Need for Birth Equity Slides A', 'Mothers Matter: Why So Many Black Women Are Dying From Childbirth', 'Health Equity and Birth Equity', 'Health Equity and Birth Equity Slides A', and 'Black Women Voices'. The final item, 'Module 2 Survey: Need for Birth Equity Survey Questions', is highlighted with a light gray background.

Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum

Course Content 2. The Need for Birth Equity

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Kansas Birth Equity Network Curriculum

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2. The Need for Birth Equity

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