



**Brothers Healing Conference**



**Healing the Loss of Our Most Vulnerable: Infant Mortality among African Americans**

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**A plan to begin the healing: A life course approach**

- Provide inter-conception care to women with prior adverse pregnancy outcomes\*
- Increase access to preconception care to African American women
- Improve the quality of prenatal care\*
- Expand healthcare access over the life course.
- Enhance integration of family support services\*
- Create reproductive social capital in African American communities
- Invest in community building and urban renewal
- Close the education gap \*
- Reduce poverty among African American families
- Support working mothers and families\*
- Undo racism \*
- Strengthen father involvement in African American families\*

Lu, M.C., Kotelchuck, M., Hogan, V., Jones, L., Wright, K., Halfon, N. 2010. Closing the Black-White gap in birth outcomes: A life-course approach. *Ethnicity & Disease* (20) 62-76



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**What can we do**

Service providers	Fathers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be encouraging</li> <li>• Focus on strengths</li> <li>• Provide opportunities for men to be involved</li> <li>• Assess yourself and your environment (father friendliness)</li> <li>• Smile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate yourself</li> <li>• Get involved early and often</li> <li>• Model and encourage good health</li> <li>• Be a protector and provider</li> <li>• Say it sweet</li> <li>• Be strong!</li> </ul>



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- What stood out as surprising or disturbing for you in the film?
- What are you motivated to do to intervene?
- How can Parents as Teachers support you in the role of change agent around this issue?



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