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New Date Announced for Black Maternal Health Disparities Report Findings

FREDERICK, MD – Frederick County Health Department will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, May 10th at 6pm to share the results of the Black Maternal Health Disparity Study. Join the virtual session through [this link](#) to learn more about this project and to provide feedback on Wednesday, May 10th at 6pm.

This session has been rescheduled from [April 25](#) due to being [disrupted](#). In order to make this session a safe space for everyone attending, the format has been changed to Zoom Webinar. The following steps have been taken:

- Mute participants upon entry
- Individual profiles and names will not be visible
- Screen sharing will be disabled
- Chat will be disabled but Q&A will be available and moderated
- Closed captioning will be enabled

Anyone who is unable to the webinar is invited to share their thoughts on the report and the graphic through [this form](#) by May 21.

The [Frederick County Black Maternal Health Disparity Study Report](#) is available for review. A graphic representation of the [drivers that prohibit positive Black maternal health outcomes](#) was also developed as part of this study as a tool to guide conversations.

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This study was a collaboration between the Black Maternal Health Community Advisory Board and Black Mamas Building Bridges and has been focused for the last year on identifying the root causes of negative birthing experiences. The project has used community based participatory research to amplify the voices of Black women to share their birthing experiences and challenges. Their lived experiences provide the basis for the identification of root causes and barriers to optimal outcomes. The project will continue in its next phase and focus on identifying strategies to address ways to improve Black maternal birth outcomes.

For more information about this study, please contact Danielle Haskin at DHaskin@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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