A CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Black babies are 3x more likely to die before their first birthday. The widening gap exists across every income and education level.

WHY ARE BLACK BABIES DYING AT A HIGHER RATE?
Racism and racial inequities across every area create toxic stress leading to premature birth, the leading cause of infant death.

ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION
80% of public transit riders are Black, but only 1 in 4 jobs are reachable by a 90-minute or less public transit trip

ACCESS TO JOBS
21% of unemployed St. Louisans are Black, compared to just 6% who are White

ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS
25% of Black people are food insecure in the city of St. Louis

ACCESS TO EDUCATION
Black students are 4x more likely to be suspended than White students, as early as in preschool

HOUSING CONDITIONS
25% of Black people in St. Louis face severe housing problems

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
More than 1 in 3 Black women in the city of St. Louis receive inadequate prenatal care

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Our region won’t be healthy until Black moms and babies can celebrate a healthy and happy first birthday.

WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

- Quality holistic care during and after pregnancy
- A safe place for every baby to sleep
- Community health workers and home visitors who help families navigate services
- Support for parents experiencing depression, anxiety and stress
- Dependable transportation to improve access to health care, work, school and food
- Safe, stable and affordable housing for families

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