

North Star

Zero racial disparities in infant mortality by 2033.

How much did we do?



500
Individuals served



31
Healing circles hosted

10
Group therapy sessions



15
Political education & Know Your Rights trainings

Referrals Made



2
Employment services




16
Food pantry, grocery



3
Transportation




3
Court support



5
Mental health crisis care



2
Housing connections





3
Support for pregnant and postpartum appointments

Program Description

This FLOURISH grant funded the “People Powered Health Justice” program. This program connected Black mothers and parenting households to wholistic health services and public justice initiatives while organizing these impacted communities to advocate for policies that strengthen their own families and neighborhoods. This project occurred from July 2021 through December 2021.

Priority Areas

FLOURISH Community Leaders Cabinet identified priority areas they believe will have the most significant impact on improving conditions for Black families. Infant mortality is a complex issue that can't be solved by one organization alone. Below, you will find population level data where FLOURISH is contributing to changes for Black families alongside other organizations. Faith for Justice is working to move the needle for the individuals they serve in the areas listed below.

FLOURISH Priority Area	Category of Work	Population Level Data
 Social Determinants of Health	Education & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to Resources
 Coordinated Quality of Care	Prenatal Behavioral Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maternal Substance Use (tobacco use, alcohol use, drug abuse) ▪ Maternal Depression/ Postpartum Depression ▪ Poor Mental Health Days ▪ Frequent Mental Distress ▪ Physical Abuse During Pregnancy ▪ Stressful Life Events During Pregnancy

FLOURISH uses a **results-based accountability** model of evaluation, because it helps show how collaborative efforts can make an impact on reducing disparities in infant mortality. We focus on how well programs address root causes of the issue and whether Black pregnant and parenting families are better off.

How well did we do it?

Percent of individuals served were ...

actively engaged in healing circles **90%**

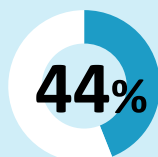
actively engaged in group therapy sessions **70%**

connected to resources to help them thrive **70%**

Is anyone better off?



Black pregnant people with **positive birth experiences**



of individuals with **improved mental health**

Community Healing Fund

Single parents in need of intensive, inpatient trauma-informed care around reproductive and mental-health needs

Northside neighborhoods organizing around issues with trash collection and unsafe rental properties: in need of support for meeting space, campaign materials, canvassers and contact connection to local officials

Housing needs met for pregnant and parenting households: rental assistance, moving help

Protect Black Womxn Fund

Directly assisted two women in gaining access to reproductive and mental healthcare, securing employment, and finding housing.

One of them attended an 8-week in-patient trauma recovery camp which we funded 10% of and helped fundraise the rest.

We worked with Black parenting households on organizing around the issue of police violence and creating a statement for the Mayor of St. Louis with five demands including reparations for mothers and their families who have been impacted by state violence.



Activism



70% increased knowledge about their **civic and criminal legal rights**

63% engaged in **new civic behavior**

56% improved their circumstances as a result of **healing interventions and political education**

Fatal State Violence Initiative



30

Families served

- Monthly meals
- Household needs, i.e., heating appliances and water filters
- Court support: transportation to court dates, sitting with family members in court
- Public justice actions, protest and remembrance events at city hall etc. for youth advocacy and police accountability
- Engagement of elected officials about social determinants, access to health resources

Partnerships



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FLOURISH St. Louis, an infant mortality reduction initiative powered by Generate Health, is bringing together people and organizations across the region to fix the systems that impact the health of Black families. This organization received a FLOURISH grant which was funded by Missouri Foundation for Health.

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