

Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)



What is the LaPQC?

The Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) is an initiative of the Louisiana Department of Health’s Bureau of Family Health under the authority of the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality. It is a voluntary network of perinatal care providers, public health professionals, and patient and community advocates who work to advance equity and improve health outcomes for birthing persons, families, and newborns in Louisiana. The LaPQC serves a vital role in supporting birthing facilities across the state in implementing evidence-based best practices that promote **safe, equitable, and dignified** birth. At present, 47 of the Louisiana’s 48 birthing hospitals participate in at least one of the LaPQC’s programs and initiatives, representing over 98% of births in Louisiana.

What does the LaPQC do?

Through its initiatives, the LaPQC supports participating facilities in their quality improvement efforts related to health outcomes immediately before and after birth. They accomplish this primarily through comprehensive, equity- and patient-centered, evidence-based, quality improvement programming.

The LaPQC has four active programs and initiatives, each one addressing a different area of perinatal or neonatal health outcomes

Program or Initiative	The Gift*	Safe Births Initiative*	Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad	Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening in Pediatric Pilot
Area of Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maternal and infant outcomes related to breastfeeding and infant nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> implementation of AIM patient safety bundles, and other perinatal outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> outcomes related to dyads affected by substance & opioid use disorder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> understanding screening & referral pathways for caregivers affected by depression

*denotes a LaPQC program or initiative with a quality improvement designation program

How does the LaPQC work?

The LaPQC guides participating facilities through the implementation of evidence-based best practices using four shared areas of change (see below). Each *Area of Change* contains “change concepts,” which are broad categories of improvement that are grounded in evidence-based best practices.

Areas of Change	Reliable Clinical Processes	Respectful Patient Partnership	Effective Peer Teamwork	Engaged Perinatal Leadership
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Even though the programs and initiatives of the LaPQC are designed on a similar foundation, the LaPQC honors hospital-based differences in service of creating stable, sustainable change. Most importantly, health equity work is built into every program and initiative of the LaPQC, where participating facilities set annual health equity goals and the LaPQC team supports them in implementing changes that reduce disparities and increase patient and community partnership.

For More Information

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