

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

HOUSING CONDITIONS

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

STRESS

ACCESS TO JOBS

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

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

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

ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS

25% of Black people are food insecure in the city of St. Louis

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

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

The Initiative for Healthy
Babies & Families



Learn how you can get involved at www.flourishstlouis.org.



OUR GOAL: ZERO RACIAL DISPARITIES IN INFANT MORTALITY BY 2033.

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



Support for parents experiencing depression, anxiety and stress



A safe place for every baby to sleep



Dependable transportation to improve access to health care, work, school and food



Community health workers and home visitors who help families navigate services



Safe, stable and affordable housing for families