

# PROJECT IMHOTEP

Brooklyn's Black Maternal Health Resource Directory  
**BUILDING A SAFER BKLYN FOR BIRTH**



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POWERED BY BROOKLYN COMMUNITIES COLLABORATIVE

**At Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC), we believe in the power of community.** For over 30 years, we've worked to strengthen Brooklyn's grassroots organizations, especially those led by women and people of color, by bridging philanthropy with on-the-ground efforts. Our work centers on building capacity, fostering partnerships, and amplifying the voices of communities that have long been underrepresented.

**Project Imhotep was born out of this commitment**—a holistic, community-rooted initiative designed to address the Black maternal health crisis in Brooklyn. Named after Imhotep, the ancient Egyptian physician and healer, this project blends science, spirituality, and community wisdom. It shines a light on maternal health disparities, builds supportive networks for Black mothers throughout pregnancy and beyond, and leverages the trusted presence of Black churches and community hubs as safe spaces for education and empowerment.

This directory is a direct reflection of that mission. It exists to ensure that Black mothers in Brooklyn have access to compassionate, culturally competent, and comprehensive care at every stage of their maternal journey. From prenatal visits to postpartum support, from financial assistance to mental health care, the resources collected here represent a village of organizations ready to serve, uplift, and protect.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Brooklyn Communities Collaborative (BCC) for their visionary leadership and for entrusting us with this work. As part of BCC's Strong Communities Fund, we have joined a powerful cohort of grantees equally committed to advancing health equity across Brooklyn. BCC's participatory approach to grantmaking has created space for community voices to drive meaningful solutions—and this directory is one of them.

**Together, we are building a safer Brooklyn for birth.** With this resource in your hands, we hope every mother, family, and care provider feels supported, informed, and empowered.

**This is more than a directory. It's a Brooklyn blueprint for thriving.**

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### **A Love Letter : To Black Mothers, and the Village That Holds Us**

In Brooklyn—our Brooklyn—Black mothers are the heartbeat. But too often, our hearts have been broken by systems that weren't built with us in mind. Project Imhotep is about rewriting that story.

It's about weaving together every thread of support we deserve into a safety net so tight, so strong, that no mother ever has to navigate her journey alone.

Each category in this directory is not just a service—it's a sacred part of our holistic wellness.

Together, they honor the fullness of who we are: mind, body, spirit, and community.

With Love,

Dr. Valerie Oliver Durrah  
Founder, President & CEO  
Neighborhood Technical Services Clinic

# WHY IT MATTERS

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This directory is a full list of Black maternal health resources across Brooklyn—each one committed to the collective vision of ensuring Black mothers not only survive but thrive. Together, these organizations form a village of care that provides resources, advocacy, and support designed to address and eradicate the stark disparities in maternal health outcomes for Black women and birthing people.

From prenatal and postpartum care to housing assistance, nutrition, and mental health support, this comprehensive guide reflects a shared mission: to protect, uplift, and heal Black mothers in Brooklyn.



## Black birthing people in Brooklyn face alarming maternal health disparities:

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Systemic barriers like provider bias, language access gaps, transportation issues, and food insecurity exacerbate these [maternal mortality, health problems after birth] outcomes.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Working together to reduce Black maternal mortality. CDC – Women’s Health. April 8, 2024. <https://www.cdc.gov/womens-health/features/maternal-mortality.html>

Over 80% of maternal deaths are preventable, underscoring an urgent need for culturally competent, coordinated, community-led solutions

Telehealth to Address Preventable Maternal Deaths: A Call to Action. National Library of Medicine Database, 2024. <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12868964/>

More than 1 in 5 Black mothers hospitalized for childbirth reported experiencing poor treatment based on their race, ethnicity, cultural background, or language.

Mohamoud YA, Cassidy E, Fuchs E, et al. Vital Signs: Maternity Care Experiences — United States, April 2023. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2023;72(35):961-967. Published September 1, 2023. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7235e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm7235e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7235e1.htm?s_cid=mm7235e1_w)

# BUILDING A SAFER BKLYN FOR BIRTH

Project Imhotep works together to provide comprehensive, culturally responsive, and community-based support for women's health across the entire maternal health continuum—from preconception and pregnancy through postpartum care.

## 1. Preconception & Inter-Conception (“Women’s Health”)

The collaborative services and organizations help women prepare for healthy pregnancies and address ongoing health needs between pregnancies by:

- Medical Services – Offering contraception, gynecologic care, STD screening, prenatal medications, and doula services.
- Community Advocacy & Education – Raising maternal health awareness through culturally tailored workshops, campaigns, and outreach in trusted spaces such as barbershops, faith communities, and community events.
- Nutrition & Wellness – Providing nutrition education, wellness classes, smoking cessation counseling, and healthy food access.
- Financial & Emergency Assistance – Helping with insurance enrollment, connecting to emergency resources, and distributing essential supplies like diapers, clothing, and strollers.
- Maternal Mental Health & Emotional Support – Offering pre- and post-pregnancy counseling, group support, and partnerships with mental health providers.

## 2. Pregnancy / Prenatal

Through this project, we ensure women have access to high-quality, wraparound prenatal care by:

- Prenatal Medical Care – Connecting patients to midwives, OB/GYNs, doulas, and community clinics for screenings, medications, and maternal health education.
- Maternal Mental Health Support – Screening for anxiety and depression, hosting prenatal groups, and offering therapy or coaching.
- Nutrition & Wellness – Distributing healthy food, hosting baby showers, and offering food assistance.
- Advocacy & Navigation – Leading community health roundtables, educating families about birth rights, and organizing around systemic issues like Medicaid policy.

## 3. Postpartum / Postnatal

This project we also provide holistic postpartum support to promote maternal recovery and infant well-being by:

- Postpartum & Infant Care – Offering doula services, home visits, postpartum depression screening, safe sleep education, and early parenting programs.
- Emotional Support – Providing counseling, peer groups, and check-ins to address maternal mental health.
- Parenting & Life Skills – Delivering workshops on parenting, anger management, and bonding with infants/toddlers.
- Nutrition & Wellness – Providing food pantries, healthy cooking classes, and fitness programs for new mothers.
- Financial & Emergency Aid – Distributing diapers, baby gear, clothing, and connecting families to essential services.
- Career Development – Creating pathways for young parents to train and work as doulas.

In essence:

This collective builds a seamless network of medical, emotional, educational, nutritional, and financial resources that addresses both the immediate needs of mothers and families and the structural barriers contributing to maternal health disparities—especially in communities of color. They combine direct services with advocacy to improve outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy.

# CATEGORIES OF SERVICES

The Project Imhotep Directory ensures that women navigating the challenges of motherhood have access to essential services that address their physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual well-being. By bringing together these trusted organizations, we create a holistic resource that supports women throughout every stage of their maternal journey.



**Maternal Mental Health & Emotional Support**



**Community Advocacy & Education**



**Prenatal Care & Medical Services**



**Postpartum & Infant Care**



**Financial & Emergency Assistance**



**Cultural Competency & Health Equity**



**Nutrition & Wellness**



**Parenting & Life Skills Development**



# Maternal Mental Health & Emotional Support

**We're more than strong — we're human.**

And our emotional health deserves tender care. From therapy circles to postpartum check-ins, this guide centers our joy, our grief, and our healing. It's where we reclaim our right to rest and be held, knowing it's okay to say, "I'm not okay," and get the support we need.

# MENTAL HEALTH & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



The Alex House Project

## **The Alex House Project**

**Website:** [alexhouseproject.org](http://alexhouseproject.org)

**Address #1:** 9 Bond Street, 4th floor, Brooklyn NY 11201

**Address #2:** Bumblebees R Us Day Care - 76 Lorraine St, Brooklyn, NY 11231

**Email:** [services@alexhouseproject.org](mailto:services@alexhouseproject.org)

**Instagram:** [@alexhouseinc](https://www.instagram.com/alexhouseinc)

The Alex House Project is a peer-led program that provides parenting and life skills development for mothers 25 years and younger. The organization focuses on building confidence and independence in mothers through mentorship, higher education, and employment.

**Key Service:** Maternal mental health support



BROOKLYN  
FREE CLINIC

## **Anne Kastor Brooklyn Free Clinic**

**Website:** [brooklynfreeclinic.org](http://brooklynfreeclinic.org)

**Address:** 470 Clarkson Avenue, Suite A, Brooklyn, NY 11203

**Email:** [info@brooklynfreeclinic.org](mailto:info@brooklynfreeclinic.org)

**Contact:** Melody Eckert | [melody.eckert@downstate.edu](mailto:melody.eckert@downstate.edu)

**Languages:** Spanish, Haitian Creole (interpreters available)

The Anne Kastor Brooklyn Free Clinic provides free healthcare services to uninsured individuals, with a focus on women's health and maternal mental care. Their services include prenatal checkups, maternal mental health screenings, and access to healthcare education for expectant mothers.

**Key Service:** Provides prenatal checkups, education on managing chronic conditions during pregnancy, and Women's Health Nights

## **✓ MetroPlusHealth**

### **MetroPlus Health**

**Website:** [metroplus.org](http://metroplus.org)

**Email:** [riosadr@metroplus.org](mailto:riosadr@metroplus.org)

**Contact:** Adrian Rios | 929-746-8715

**LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/company/metroplushealth](https://www.linkedin.com/company/metroplushealth)

**Instagram:** [@metroplushealth](https://www.instagram.com/metroplushealth)

**Key Service:** Access to affordable therapists and counselors.

# MENTAL HEALTH & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



## **Brooklyn Perinatal Network**

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**Contact:** Denise West | [dwest@bpnetwork.org](mailto:dwest@bpnetwork.org) | (347) 622-1342

**Contact:** Melissa Mates | [mmates@bpnetwork.org](mailto:mmates@bpnetwork.org)

Brooklyn Perinatal Network connects pregnant women and new mothers to critical healthcare services, focusing on reducing health disparities and ensuring that women receive comprehensive, quality care during and after pregnancy.

**Key Service:** Family & peer social emotional support



## **Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign, Inc. (CRCEC)**

**Website:** [crcec.org](http://crcec.org)

**Address:** 1404 Brooklyn Ave Brooklyn, NY 11210

**Address (Mailing):** 772 Vermont Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207

**Info:** [info@crcec.org](mailto:info@crcec.org) | (718) 282-7232

**Contact:** Sharon Coombs-Rose | [srose@crcec.org](mailto:srose@crcec.org) | 718-272-2363

**Instagram:** @crcecbrooklyn

CRCEC focuses on empowering families through education and advocacy. Their maternal health programs provide financial assistance and resources for families in need.

**Key Service:** Postpartum support, wellness check-ins, and educational workshops



## **Colibri Health Institute**

**Website:** [colibrihealth.org](http://colibrihealth.org)

**Email:** [margaret.schultz@colibrihealth.org](mailto:margaret.schultz@colibrihealth.org)

**Contact:** Margaret Schultz | (917) 912-6865

Colibri Health Institute is a newly-fledged 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization currently in its seed stage. We are committed to reducing preventable acute and chronic diseases by bringing free evidence-based preventive health education straight to individuals and families.

**Key Service:** Postpartum mental health education



# Community Advocacy & Education

## **Black mothers matter.**

This is where we lift our voices, take up space, and remind the world that Black mothers matter. It's workshops, town halls, and grassroots organizing that bring power back to our neighborhoods—from Crown Heights to East New York. Here, we learn our rights, share our stories, and plant seeds of change for the next generation.

# COMMUNITY ADVOCACY & EDUCATION



## Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health

**Website:** [arthurasheinstitute.org](http://arthurasheinstitute.org)

**Address:** 450 Clarkson Ave, Box 1232, Brooklyn, NY 11203

**Email:** [info@arthurasheinstitute.org](mailto:info@arthurasheinstitute.org)

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**X:** [@AAIUH2](https://twitter.com/AAIUH2)

**Instagram:** [@aaiuh](https://www.instagram.com/aaiuh)

**LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/company/arthur-ashe-institute-urban](https://linkedin.com/company/arthur-ashe-institute-urban)

The Arthur Ashe Institute addresses health disparities in urban communities by providing educational programs and advocating for policy changes. They focus on reducing maternal mortality among women of color through culturally responsive care.

### Key Services:

- Health education programs focused on reducing maternal mortality
- Advocacy for equitable healthcare policies
- Community health workshops



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### Key Services:

- Hospital-based staff cultural humility training
- More birthing centers and midwifery services
- Recruitment of doulas & CHWs from local communities to build trust
- Leads the The Brooklyn Coalition for Health Equity for Women and Families, formerly known as the Brooklyn Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative, was established in 2000 to convene community-based organizations and cross-sector stakeholders working to eliminate disparities in maternal health and birth outcomes in communities of color.

# COMMUNITY ADVOCACY & EDUCATION



**COLIBRI HEALTH**  
*Institute*

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### **Key Services:**

- Free virtual and in-person postpartum education classes
- Upcoming free, comprehensive pregnancy, birth, and postpartum education guidebook
- Postpartum mental health education



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**Languages:** English, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole

CRCEC focuses on empowering families through education and advocacy. Their maternal health programs provide financial assistance and resources for families in need.

### **Key Services:**

- Postpartum support, wellness check-ins, and educational workshops
- Navigational support for families facing system barriers
- Food pantry and nutrition education
- Housing advocacy & emergency gift cards for families in need



## **Irth: Birth Without Bias (App)**

**Website:** [irthapp.com](http://irthapp.com)

**Download:** [Google Play](#) and [App Store](#)

The only app where you can find prenatal, birthing, postpartum and pediatric reviews of care from other Black and brown women. The #1 “Yelp-like” platform for the pregnancy and new motherhood journey, made by and for people of color.

### **Key Features:**

- Crowd-sourced feedback on providers & birthing facilities
- Reviews from doulas and experienced birth support professionals

# COMMUNITY ADVOCACY & EDUCATION



## **Global25**

**Website:** [globaltwentyfive.com](http://globaltwentyfive.com)

**Email:** Future25nyc@gmail.com

### **Key Services:**

- Education on finance, nutrition, breastfeeding, childcare, evaluation and developmental milestones
- Access to community partners, workforce development opportunities



## **Seeds in the Middle**

**Website:** [seedsinthemiddle.org](http://seedsinthemiddle.org)

**Address (Mailing):** 153 Warren Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Address:** 318 Rogers Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11225

**Email:** [info@seedsinthemiddle.org](mailto:info@seedsinthemiddle.org)

**Contact:** Nancie Katz | [info@seedsinthemiddle.org](mailto:info@seedsinthemiddle.org) | 862-701-3858

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/seedsinthemiddle](https://facebook.com/seedsinthemiddle)

**Instagram:** [@seedsinthemiddle](https://www.instagram.com/seedsinthemiddle)

**Languages:** Spanish, Haitian Creole

Seeds in the Middle empowers communities through nutrition and wellness programs, focusing on improving maternal and child health through better access to affordable, fresh, healthy food and fitness for overall well-being

### **Key Services:**

- Healthy cooking classes, fitness through pilates, yoga, zumba, meditation, new mom workshops and get-togethers
- Distributes Hip2B Healthy coupons for fresh food, and fresh produce bags for pregnant and postpartum moms
- Partners with maternal/infant health and local organizations for community baby showers



# Prenatal Care & Medical Services

**Access to quality, respectful prenatal care is a non-negotiable.**

This is where trusted doctors, midwives, doulas, and clinics help us stay healthy throughout pregnancy—because every Black mama deserves to be seen, heard, and cared for with excellence.

# PRENATAL CARE & MEDICAL SERVICES



## **Ancient Song Doula Services**

**Website:** [ancientsongdoulaservices.com](http://ancientsongdoulaservices.com)

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**Phone:** (347) 778-3490

**Instagram:** [@ancientsong](https://www.instagram.com/ancientsong)

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**X:** [@AncientSong7](https://www.x.com/AncientSong7)

Ancient Song is a national birth justice organization working to eliminate maternal and infant mortality and morbidity among low-income Black and Latinx people. We provide doula training and services, offer community education, and advocate for policy change to support reproductive and birth justice.

## **Key Services:**

- Culturally aligned birth, postpartum, miscarriage, and grief support
- Full-spectrum doula training for community members and professionals
- Accepts medicaid starting early 2026, flexible payment plans



**BROOKLYN  
FREE CLINIC**

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## **Key Services:**

- Prenatal care for uninsured mothers
- Mental health screenings
- Health education workshops

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### **Key Services:**

- Hospital-based staff cultural humility training
- More birthing centers and midwifery services
- Recruitment of doulas & CHWs from local communities to build trust



## **Healthy Start Brooklyn (NYC DOHMH)**

**Website:** [nyc.gov/site/doh/health/neighborhood-health/healthy-start-brooklyn.page](http://nyc.gov/site/doh/health/neighborhood-health/healthy-start-brooklyn.page)

**Address:** Bedford Health Center, 485 Throop Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11221

**Email:** [healthystartbrooklyn@health.nyc.gov](mailto:healthystartbrooklyn@health.nyc.gov)

**Phone:** 844-919-1123

**Description:** Healthy Start Brooklyn provides a variety of support programs and classes for expectant and new parents who live in Brooklyn. You can get education and support about pregnancy, childbirth, parenting, breastfeeding, fatherhood and healthy living.

### **Key Services:**

- Childbirth education classes
- Fatherhood development
- Emotional health classes

# PRENATAL CARE & MEDICAL SERVICES



## **Hope and Healing Family Center**

**Website:** [hhfamilycenter.org](http://hhfamilycenter.org)

**Address:** 1420 Bushwick Ave, Suite 348, Brooklyn, NY 11207

**Email:** [hhfc01@ymail.com](mailto:hhfc01@ymail.com)

**Phone:** 347-384-1494

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/HopeAndHealingFamilyCenter](https://facebook.com/HopeAndHealingFamilyCenter)

**Instagram:** [@hh\\_familycenter](https://www.instagram.com/hh_familycenter)

Hope and Healing Family Center's mission is to improve the quality of life by strengthening, empowering and educating underserved families throughout Brooklyn communities by providing services to address maternal and early childhood health disparities.

### **Key Services:**

- Continuous physical/emotional doula care
- Diaper distribution and breast milk depot
- Postpartum-family support and education events



# Postpartum & Infant Care

**Birth is just the beginning.**

Postpartum support means someone checking in, helping us heal, and making sure our little ones are safe and thriving. From breastfeeding support to home visits, these resources remind us that we don't have to figure it all out alone.

# POSTPARTUM & INFANT CARE



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### **Key Services:**

- Culturally aligned birth, postpartum, miscarriage, and grief support
- Full-spectrum doula training for community members and professionals
- Accepting Medicaid starting early 2026, flexible payment plans



## **Expecting Relief**

**Website:** [expectingrelief.org](http://expectingrelief.org)  
**Address:** 2832 Fulton Street Brooklyn, NY 11207  
**Email:** [info@expectingrelief.org](mailto:info@expectingrelief.org)  
**Contact:** Vanessa Bracetty | [vanessa@expectingrelief.org](mailto:vanessa@expectingrelief.org) | 646-241-5960  
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**Instagram:** [@expectingrelief](https://www.instagram.com/expectingrelief)  
**Languages:** Spanish, Haitian Creole

Expecting Relief provides emergency supplies and support to pregnant women and new mothers, including diapers, formula, clothing, and other essential items.

### **Key Services:**

- Supplies emergency resources like diapers, formula, clothing.
- Wraparound supports addressing housing and food insecurity.
- Focus on racial, cultural, and linguistic alignment of workforce.

# POSTPARTUM & INFANT CARE



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### Key Services:

- Childbirth education classes
- Fatherhood development
- Emotional health classes



## Little Essentials

**Website:** [littleessentials.org](https://littleessentials.org)

**Address:** Brooklyn Navy Yard, 63 Flushing Ave., Bld. 131, Suite 205 Brooklyn, NY 11205

**Address (Mailing):** 74 Grand Avenue, #1C, Brooklyn, NY 11205

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**Instagram:** [@lehelps](https://instagram.com/lehelps)

**Languages:** Workshops through Tribeca Pediatrics in English & Spanish

Little Essentials provides essential baby supplies to families living in poverty, ensuring new mothers have access to diapers, clothing, and other critical items.

Eligibility: Families with incomes below the federal poverty line.

### Key Services:

- Distribution of baby supplies
- Emergency assistance for low-income families
- Postpartum support services



# Financial & Emergency Assistance

**Because thriving starts with the basics.**

We can't talk about wellness if the lights aren't on or there's no food in the fridge. Financial and emergency support helps keep our families afloat during the most vulnerable times. Whether it's diapers, rental help, or access to benefits, this is about meeting basic needs with dignity—because abundance is our birthright, too.

# FINANCIAL & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



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**Instagram:** [@crcecbrooklyn](https://instagram.com/crcecbrooklyn)

**Languages:** English, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole

CRCEC focuses on empowering families through education and advocacy. Their maternal health programs provide financial assistance and resources for families in need.

### **Key Services:**

- Postpartum support, wellness check-ins, and educational workshops
- Navigational support for families facing system barriers
- Food pantry and nutrition education
- Advocacy, Service navigation and supportive resources for families



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### **Key Services:**

- Medical benefits assistance
- Housing support
- Social Services (e.g., food, benefits, and locating transportation)

# FINANCIAL & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



## **Expecting Relief**

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**Instagram:** [@expectingrelief](https://instagram.com/expectingrelief)

**Languages:** Spanish, Haitian Creole

Expecting Relief provides emergency supplies and support to pregnant women and new mothers, including diapers, formula, clothing, and other essential items.

### **Key Services:**

- Supplies emergency resources like diapers, formula, clothing.
- Wraparound supports addressing housing and food insecurity.
- Focus on racial, cultural, and linguistic alignment of workforce.



## **Little Essentials**

**Website:** [littleessentials.org](http://littleessentials.org)

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**Address (Mailing):** 74 Grand Avenue, #1C, Brooklyn, NY 11205

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**Languages:** Workshops through Tribeca Pediatrics in English & Spanish

Little Essentials provides essential baby supplies to families living in poverty, ensuring new mothers have access to diapers, clothing, and other critical items.

Eligibility: Families with incomes below the federal poverty line.

### **Key Services:**

- Distribution of baby supplies
- Emergency assistance for low-income families
- Postpartum support services



# Cultural Competency & Health Equity

**Care that sees us, hears us, and honors us.**

Healing begins when the system understands us. This isn't just "nice to have." It's life-saving. Providers who understand our culture, speak our language, and respect our traditions are key to closing the gap in maternal health disparities. These programs push for systems change and train professionals to treat us with the dignity we deserve.

# CULTURAL COMPETENCY & HEALTH EQUITY



## **Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health**

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The Arthur Ashe Institute addresses health disparities in urban communities by providing educational programs and advocating for policy changes. They focus on reducing maternal mortality among women of color through culturally responsive care.

### **Key Services:**

- Health education programs focused on reducing maternal mortality
- Advocacy for equitable healthcare policies
- Community health workshops



## **Caribbean Women's Health Association, Inc.**

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**Instagram:** @cwhassociation

**Languages:** Haitian Creole, Spanish

The CWAH provides culturally specific health services to Caribbean and immigrant communities, focusing on maternal and child health, mental health, and social services.

### **Key Services:**

- Culturally competent maternal health services
- Parenting classes and life skills development, including bonding with Baby/Toddler classes
- Nutrition and wellness programs
- Fresh produce distribution through farmer's market collaborations



# Nutrition & Wellness

## **Wellness That Feeds Generations.**

Healthy food. Safe spaces to move our bodies. Culturally affirming wellness practices. Here, we're fed—literally and spiritually. From farmer's markets to prenatal yoga in the park, these resources nourish us from the inside out, helping us and our babies thrive.

# NUTRITION & WELLNESS



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## **Seeds in the Middle**

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**Languages:** Spanish, Haitian Creole

Seeds in the Middle empowers communities through nutrition and wellness programs, focusing on improving maternal and child health through better access to affordable, fresh, healthy food and fitness for overall well-being

### **Key Services:**

- Healthy cooking classes, fitness through pilates, yoga, zumba, meditation, new mom workshops and get-togethers
- Distributes Hip2B Healthy coupons for fresh food, and fresh produce bags for pregnant and postpartum moms
- Partners with maternal/infant health and local organizations for community baby showers



# Parenting & Life Skills Development

## **It takes a village to raise a child.**

It takes a village, and this is where we find it. Parenting classes, life skills coaching, and mentorship programs equip us not just to survive, but to lead our families with confidence and care. It's guidance for the first steps, and the space to grow into the mothers we want to be.

# PARENTING & LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



The Alex House Project

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The Alex House Project is a peer-led program that provides parenting and life skills development for mothers 25 years and younger. The organization focuses on building confidence and independence in mothers through mentorship, higher education, and employment.

### Key Services:

- Parenting workshops
- Life skills development
- Maternal mental health support



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**Phone:** 844-919-1123

**Description:** Healthy Start Brooklyn provides a variety of support programs and classes for expectant and new parents who live in Brooklyn. You can get education and support about pregnancy, childbirth, parenting, breastfeeding, fatherhood and healthy living.

**Key Services:**

- Childbirth education classes
- Fatherhood development
- Emotional health classes



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# BUILDING A SAFER BKLYN FOR BIRTH

## PREVENT

preconception advocacy and awareness

## PREPARE

inter-conception equitable access to care

## PROTECT

collective action for better women's health

**When these pieces come together, they form a village where Black mothers in Brooklyn can flourish—physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially. This is what holistic wellness looks like. This is what it means to protect her.**

# BUILDING A SAFER BKLYN FOR BIRTH

## Featured Organizations:

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Ancient Song Doula Services

Anne Kastor Brooklyn Free Clinic

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Brooklyn Perinatal Network

Caribbean Women's Health Association, Inc.

Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign

Colibri Health Institute

Diaspora Community Services

Expecting Relief

Healthy Start Brooklyn

Hope and Healing Family Center

Irth App— Birth Without Bias

Global25

MetroPlus Health

Little Essentials

Seeds In the Middle



# ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

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**Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC)** empowers communities and women-led organizations by bridging philanthropy and grassroots efforts through strategic partnerships, capacity-building, and technical assistance.



**Brooklyn Communities Collaborative (BCC)** is a cross-sector partnership advancing health equity in Brooklyn through community empowerment, collaboration, and innovative, place-based solutions.



**Downtown Brooklyn Partnership (DBP)** is a nonprofit driving inclusive economic and community development in Downtown Brooklyn.



**City Point** is a vibrant retail, dining, and cultural hub in the heart of Downtown Brooklyn, bringing together residents, small businesses, and visitors to celebrate Brooklyn's diversity, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit.

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