

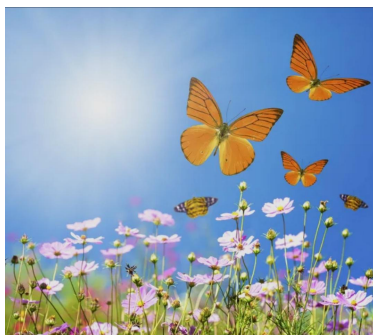


June/July 2026 Newsletter

Since launching in 2022, the ACURE4Moms study has made meaningful contributions to understanding maternal health disparities across North Carolina. This important work continues to grow thanks to the dedication and passion of our team members, whose commitment is helping drive research that supports healthier outcomes for mothers and families throughout the state.



Our Growth and Success



Recruitment & Enrollment:

- 49 sites randomized
- 60,457 patients enrolled



Maternal Health Equity Education & Training (MHEET) Sessions: 263 total completed

- MHEET #1: 31 completed

- 50,975 birthweights
- 2 active sites
- 37 clinics completed study intervention as of 07/08/26
- Most sites continuing/starting doula support

Longitudinal Patient Survey:

- 16,910 potentially eligible participants
- 6,996 assessed for eligibility as of 07/15/26
- 2,842 enrolled; withdrawn 895
- 7 CBRCs recruiting; remaining CBRCs will complete activities by August 2026

Data Dashboard

- Finalized versions created; continue to send monthly
- A few sites interested in continuing to receive dashboards

(8 observed)

- MHEET #2: 31 completed (9 observed)
- MHEET #3: 31 completed (12 observed)
- MHEET #4: 31 completed (10 observed)
- MHEET #5: 30 completed (8 observed)
- MHEET #6: 30 completed (7 observed)
- MHEET #7: 28 completed (12 observed)
- MHEET #8: 27 completed (11 observed)
- MHEET #9: 24 completed (6 observed)

All MHEET training sessions have been scheduled and are projected to be completed by November 2026

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IMPLEMENTATION INTERVIEW UPDATES



Pre-Implementation interviews complete:

- 135 staff completed pre-implementation interviews
- All transcripts coded and analysis finalized
- 1st draft of manuscript underway

Mid-Implementation Interviews complete:

- 89 staff completed Mid-Point implementation interviews

End-Implementation Interviews:

- Completed 64 interviews as of 06/26/26

Patient In-Depth Interviews:

- 71 interviews completed as of 06/26/26

Doula In-Depth Interviews:

- 3 interview completed as of 07/15/26
- Actively recruiting

Exit interviews:

- 4 completed
- 5 being recruited
- CBRC exit interviews initiated

DOULA INTERVENTION



MAAME INC.

As of 06/30/2026

doula referrals: 888

clients matched: 201

client births: 169

MOMMA'S VILLAGE

FAYETTEVILLE

As of 05/31/2026

doula referrals: 1,065

clients matched: 271

client births: 163

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to the ACURE4Moms Team!

We are thrilled to announce an exciting milestone for the ACURE4Moms Team!

The manuscript, "Models of Birth Doula Access in Hospital Settings: Insights from the ACURE4Moms Study in North Carolina," has been accepted for publication in Health Equity, a significant accomplishment that highlights the team's dedication, innovation, and commitment to advancing maternal health equity.

This publication represents more than a scholarly achievement. It reflects the countless hours of collaboration, research, community engagement, and unwavering passion invested by the ACURE4Moms team to better understand and improve access to birth doula services within hospital settings. The findings contribute valuable insights that can help shape policies, practices, and programs designed to support birthing individuals and promote equitable maternal health outcomes.

Why This Matters

The acceptance of this manuscript by a respected peer-reviewed journal is a testament to the quality and impact of the team's work. By sharing these important findings with a broader audience, the ACURE4Moms team is helping to advance conversations around maternal health, access to care, and the role of doulas in supporting healthier birth experiences.

A Team Success

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication, expertise, and collaboration of everyone involved. Each contribution whether through research, data collection, analysis, stakeholder engagement, or operational support played a vital role in reaching this milestone.

Looking Ahead

As ACURE4Moms continues its mission to improve maternal health outcomes and reduce disparities, this publication serves as both a celebration of progress and a motivation for future impact. The team's work is making a difference, and this recognition reinforces the importance of continuing to innovate, collaborate, and lead in the field of maternal health equity.

Congratulations on this well-deserved success we look forward to seeing the impact of your work for years to come!



UPCOMING EVENTS





North Carolina A&T State University
College of Education
Department of Educator Preparation

2026 Conference

The Work In and Beyond the Academy: Bridging Scholarship and Society

SAVE THE DATE

Pre-Conference Mixer: September 18, 2026
Conference: September 19, 2026

CALL FOR PROPOSALS NOW OPEN!

Proposal Submission Deadline
August 19, 2026

For more details and to submit a
proposal scan below:

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ENROLLED SITES

- **UNC Women's Health at Goldsboro**
- **Atrium Wake Forest Baptist OBGYN Downtown Health Plaza**



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