

# The Perinatal Quality Collaborative – Vermont (PQC-VT)



The Perinatal Quality Collaborative-Vermont (PQC-VT) is a formal partnership of long standing Vermont Child Health Improvement Program projects that have joined forces to become Vermont's resource for perinatal care. In partnership with the Maternal and Child Health Division at the Vermont Department of Health, the PQC-VT will mobilize state networks to implement quality improvement efforts and improve care for mothers, babies and their families.

**Goal:** The PQC-VT will improve care and health outcomes of Vermont's pregnant people, newborns and their families by:

- **Setting Perinatal Outcome Priorities:** Actively engage perinatal health care professionals, maternal and child health public health experts and community-based partners in developing a common agenda by highlighting current successes and gaps in perinatal care and identifying specific pregnancy and infant health outcomes to focus on across the state.
- **Providing Outreach and Education:** Build relationships across sectors including hospitals, outpatient practices, community-based organizations, state health programs, and families to address current and emerging perinatal issues, and provide opportunities for collaborative learning on the latest best practices.
- **Advancing Quality Improvement Efforts:** Mobilize perinatal health care teams in continuous quality improvement efforts for better health outcomes, and disseminate successful system approaches throughout the state. Develop quality metrics appropriate for perinatal health care.
- **Monitoring Health Care Outcomes:** Efficiently analyze available perinatal and public health datasets to gauge quality improvement work and opportunity, evaluate program implementation, and perform surveillance of health outcomes.



**The PQC-VT Mission: Optimizing care and health outcomes in pregnancy and infancy through collaboration and continuous quality improvement.**

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