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HIGHLIGHTING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO
PREVENT PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

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GOALS FOR TODAY'S EVENT

Highlight three innovative programs that prevent and mitigate symptoms of perinatal mental health disorders

Educate individuals and organizations at the national, state, and local levels about how to learn more and/or implement

FIRST HOUR

(12 – 1 PM ET)

PLENARY SESSION

Speakers, Program Overviews
Presentation

SECOND HOUR

(1 – 2 PM ET)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

“Deep Dive” Into Programs
Q&A Sessions

SESSION GUIDELINES



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PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

It's not just postpartum. It's not just depression.



TWO-YEAR PERINATAL TIMEFRAME

Pregnancy through one full year
following pregnancy

Approximately 25 interactions with healthcare providers

Depression
Bipolar illness
Anxiety disorders
Obsessive-compulsive disorder
Post-traumatic stress disorder
Substance use disorders
Psychosis, especially postpartum

Postpartum Support International, 2021
Uguz et al., 2019

PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

PMH disorders are the #1 complication of pregnancy and childbirth

These illnesses affect up to 1 in 5 pregnant or postpartum people (and up to 1 in 3 in high-risk populations)

Untreated PMH conditions can have long-term negative impact on mother, baby, family, society

The cost of NOT treating PMH conditions is \$14 billion (\$32,000 per mother/infant dyad)

75%

of those who experience PMH symptoms go untreated

Byatt et al., 2015

Ko et al., 2017

Luca et al., 2020

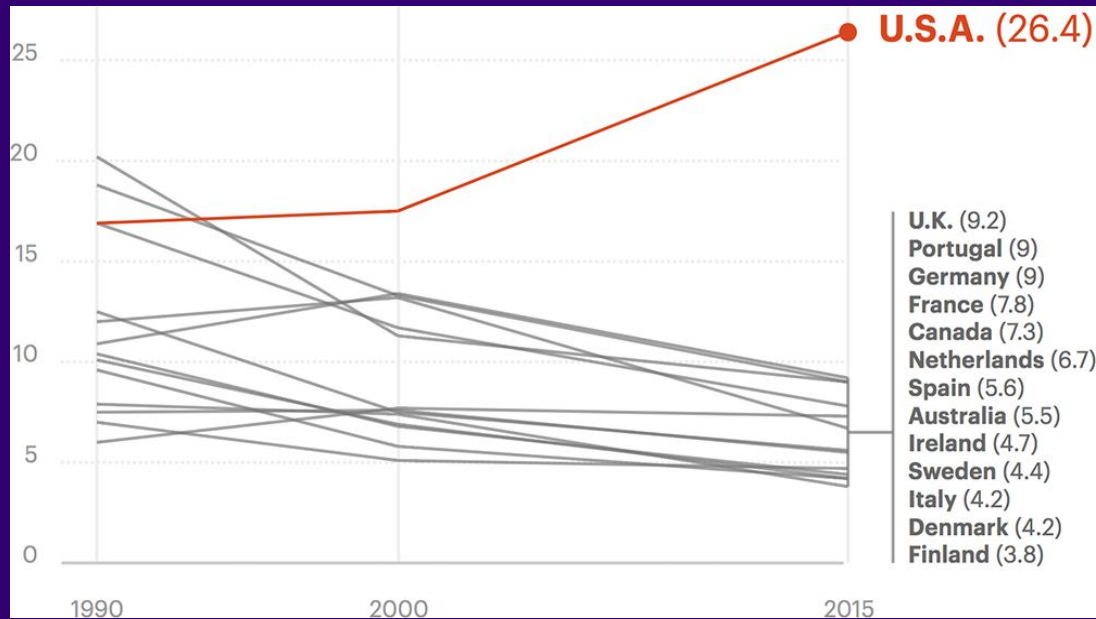
Zivin et al., 2020

Centers for Disease Control, 2020

National Institute of Mental Health, 2013

U.S. MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES

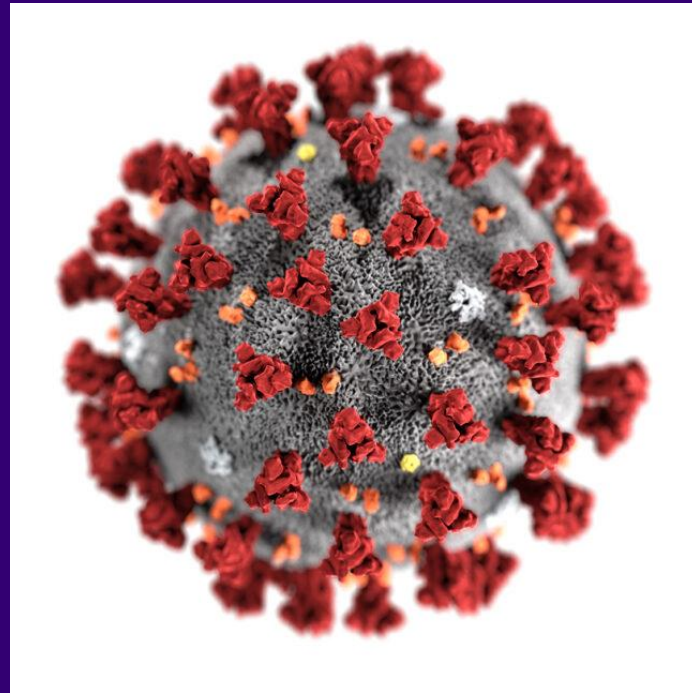
700 women die each year during pregnancy or first year following pregnancy
U.S. ranks last among industrialized nations in maternal mortality



SUICIDE

- Suicide and overdose combined are the leading cause of death in first year postpartum
- Use more lethal means (hanging, gunshot, jumping)
- < 50% do not attend postpartum OB visit
- > 50% visit the ED within a month of suicide
- Peak incidence is 6-9 months postpartum

ADDITIONAL ANXIETY



WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Mental health conditions are the
MOST COMMON COMPLICATION
of becoming a new parent

Suicide and overdose are the
LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH
for new mothers

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How the Maternal and Child Health Bureau Addresses Maternal Behavioral Health

May 23, 2022

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Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Maternal & Child Health Bureau Strategic Plan

Mission

To improve the health and well-being of America's mothers, children, and families.

Vision

Our vision is an America where all mothers, children, and families thrive and reach their full potential.

MCHB Goals

ACCESS

Assure access to high-quality and equitable health services to optimize health and well-being for all MCH populations.

EQUITY

Achieve health equity for MCH populations.

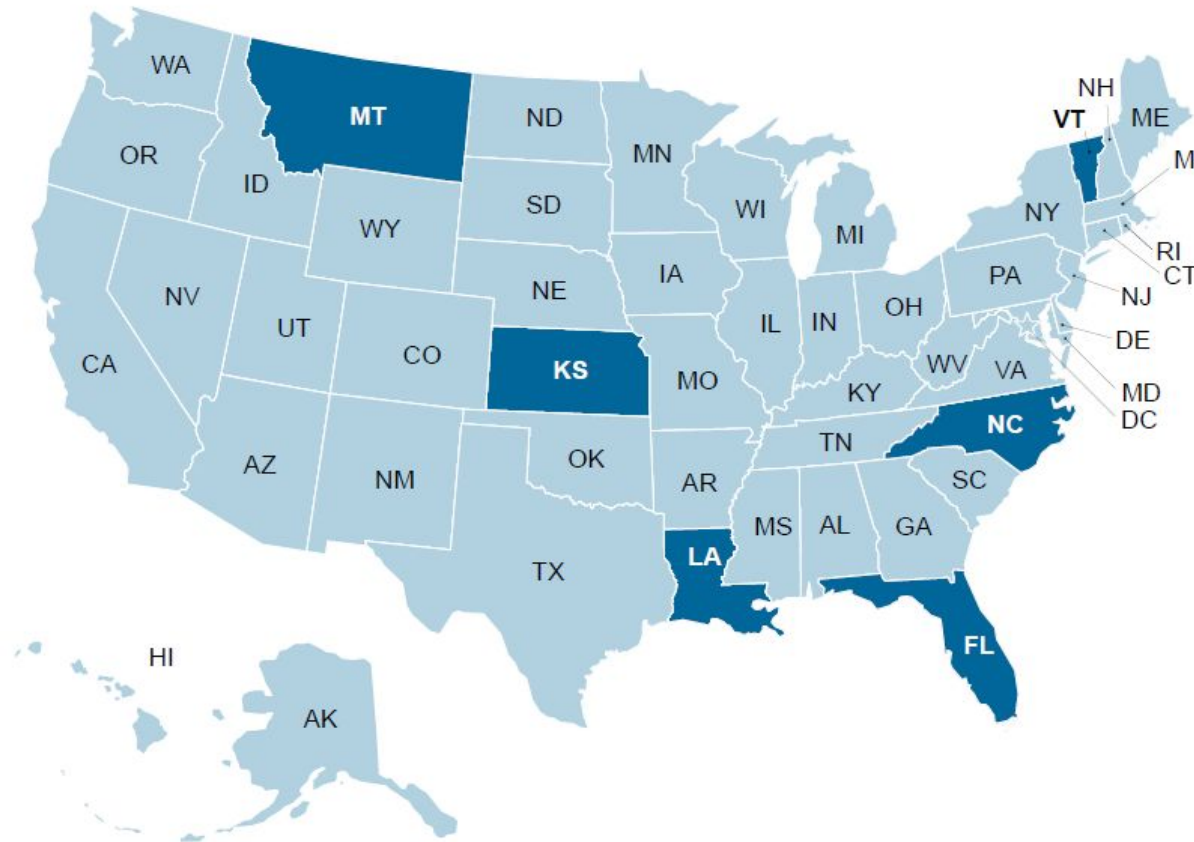
CAPACITY

Strengthen public health capacity and workforce for MCH.

IMPACT

Maximize impact through leadership, partnership, and stewardship.

Screening & Treatment for Maternal Depression and Related Behavioral Disorders



Program Provides: Through new or expanded telehealth access programs, state awardees offer **real-time psychiatric consultation, care coordination support, and training** to front-line maternity care providers in a state's specified regions, including in rural and underserved areas.



Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM)



Readiness — Every Unit

Recognition & Prevention — Every Patient

Response — Every Event

Reporting and Systems Learning — Every Unit

Respectful, Equitable, and Supportive Care — Every Unit/Provider/Team Member



National Maternal Mental Health Hotline



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Free - Confidential - Available 24/7



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MCHB's Webpage on Behavioral Health:

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PREVENTION PROGRAMS



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- Focus on low-income women
- Valid during pregnancy and postpartum
- English and Spanish
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Group (8 sessions) or individual (9 sessions) via home visiting programs



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ROSE

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MOTHERS & BABIES



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History and Development

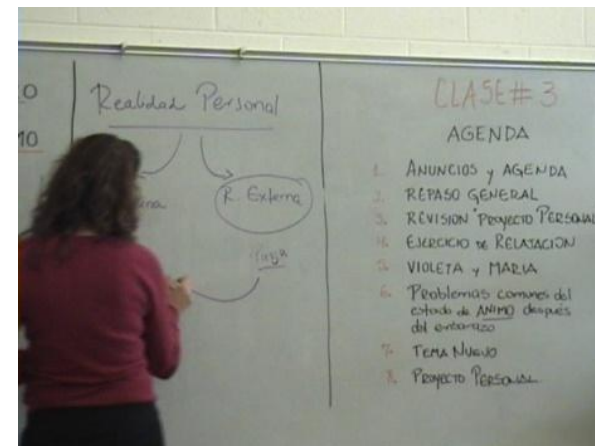
- 1997: The Latino Mental Health Research Program at San Francisco General Hospital
- Prevention of depression for primary care patients
- Adapted for low-income perinatal Latinas in OB setting



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Mothers and Babies

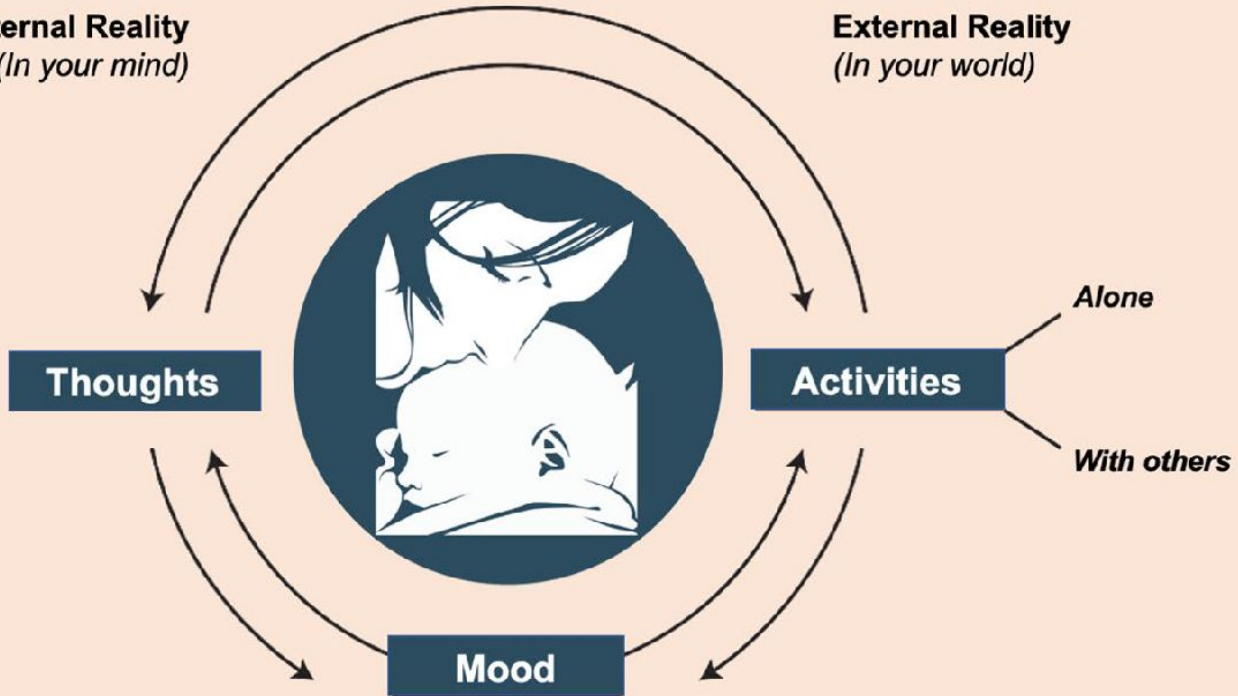
- Goal: Reduce the onset of major depressive episodes by teaching perinatal people mood regulation skills and education regarding parenting and child development
- Individuals at risk for developing clinical depression



My Personal Reality

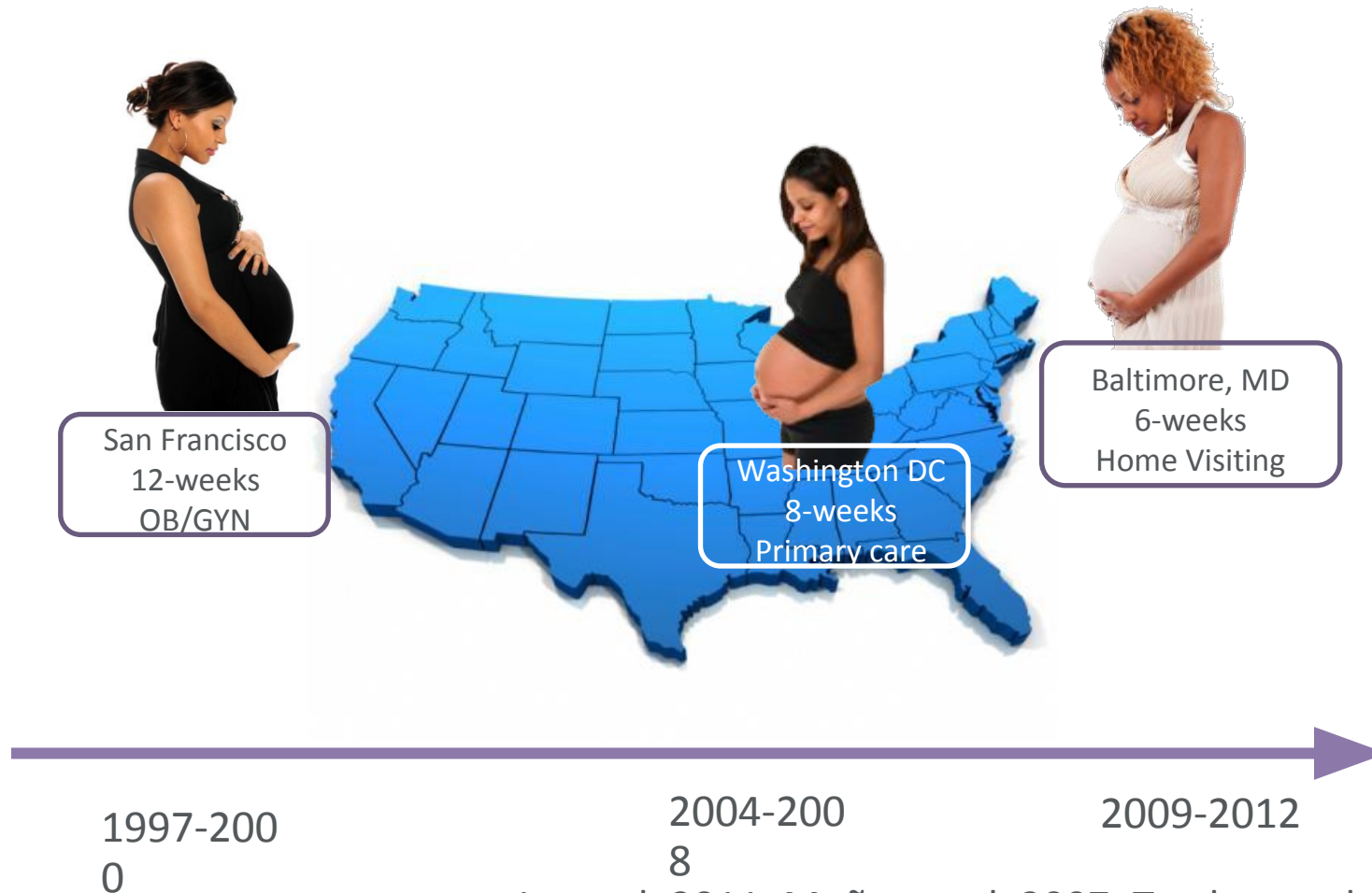
Internal Reality
(In your mind)

External Reality
(In your world)



Promote parent-infant bonding using cognitive-behavioral strategies

Mamás y Bebés / Mothers and Babies



Le et al. 2011; Muñoz et al. 2007; Tandon et al. 2011, 2014

MB Current Work and Future Directions

What is the **impact** of MB beyond trials highlighted in the USPSTF report?

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Grant #73664) examining effectiveness of 1-on-1 modality
- NICHD R01 (R01HD097215) examining responsive parenting, parent-child attachment, young child self-regulation

What are ways to expand the **reach** of MB and **engagement** of providers and families with the intervention?

- *Adaptations* for tribal/indigenous families, low-literacy individuals, and sexual and gender minorities
- New *modalities* for delivering MB including “eMB” and virtual MB groups
- *Task shifting* delivery of MB from mental health clinicians to health professionals (PCORI Contract #AD-1507-314)



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& BABIES**

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MB Current Work and Future Directions

What are ways in which MB is used in **connection with other health areas?**

- NHLBI UG3/UH3 (UG3HL163121)) using MB as part of intervention package to improve cardiovascular health of pregnant individuals and their offspring
- Integration of MB as part of Early Childhood Development and Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission for HIV+ rural populations in Africa (Catholic Relief Services)

What are additional **innovations and enhancements?**

- NIMHD R21 (R21MD0011320-01) to develop “Fathers and Babies” to be delivered concurrently with MB, or as a free-standing intervention



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PRACTICAL RESOURCES FOR
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PREPP

PRACTICAL RESOURCES FOR
EFFECTIVE POSTPARTUM PARENTING

**A Mother-Infant Dyadic Treatment
to Prevent Postpartum Depression**

PREPP Treatment Protocol

Brief (5 sessions)

- 28-32 gestational weeks – 6 week postpartum

For those at risk of PPD

- Stress, depressive symptoms; experiencing poverty

PREPP Conceptual Model

Two unique features

- Begins in pregnancy
- Dyadic approach

An intervention based on the conceptualization of postpartum depression as a potential disorder of the dyad, and one that can be approached through preventative psychological and behavioral changes in the mother that affect her and the child — even before birth



Rationale for Dyadic Approach

- Identification with the parenting role, and a ‘primary preoccupation’ with the baby begins in pregnancy —leverage this relationship for PPD prevention efficacy (Monk et al., in submission)
- Mother and infant affect each other
 - Lack of sleep is a risk factor for PPD (Leistikow, N et al., 2022)
 - Greater infant fuss/cry/sleep behavior is associated with PPD (Cutrona et al., 1986, Murray et al., 1996, Miller et al., 1993)
 - Behavioral techniques are effective in improving infant fuss/cry and sleep behavior (Hiscock et al, 2008, 2014)

PREPP: Three Treatment Components

- Three components
 - Mindfulness, sleep hygiene and self-reflection
 - Psychoeducation and cognitive support managing expectations
 - Behavioral techniques
- Combine established mindfulness and psycho-education/CBT tools with a dyadic approach, specifically behavioral techniques *for parenting newborns before the baby is born*



Optimize infant's behavioral regulation

Behavioral skills

Component 3

Aid newborn sleep

- Day/night cues
- Focal feed

Comforting techniques

- Swaddling
- Carrying independent of crying

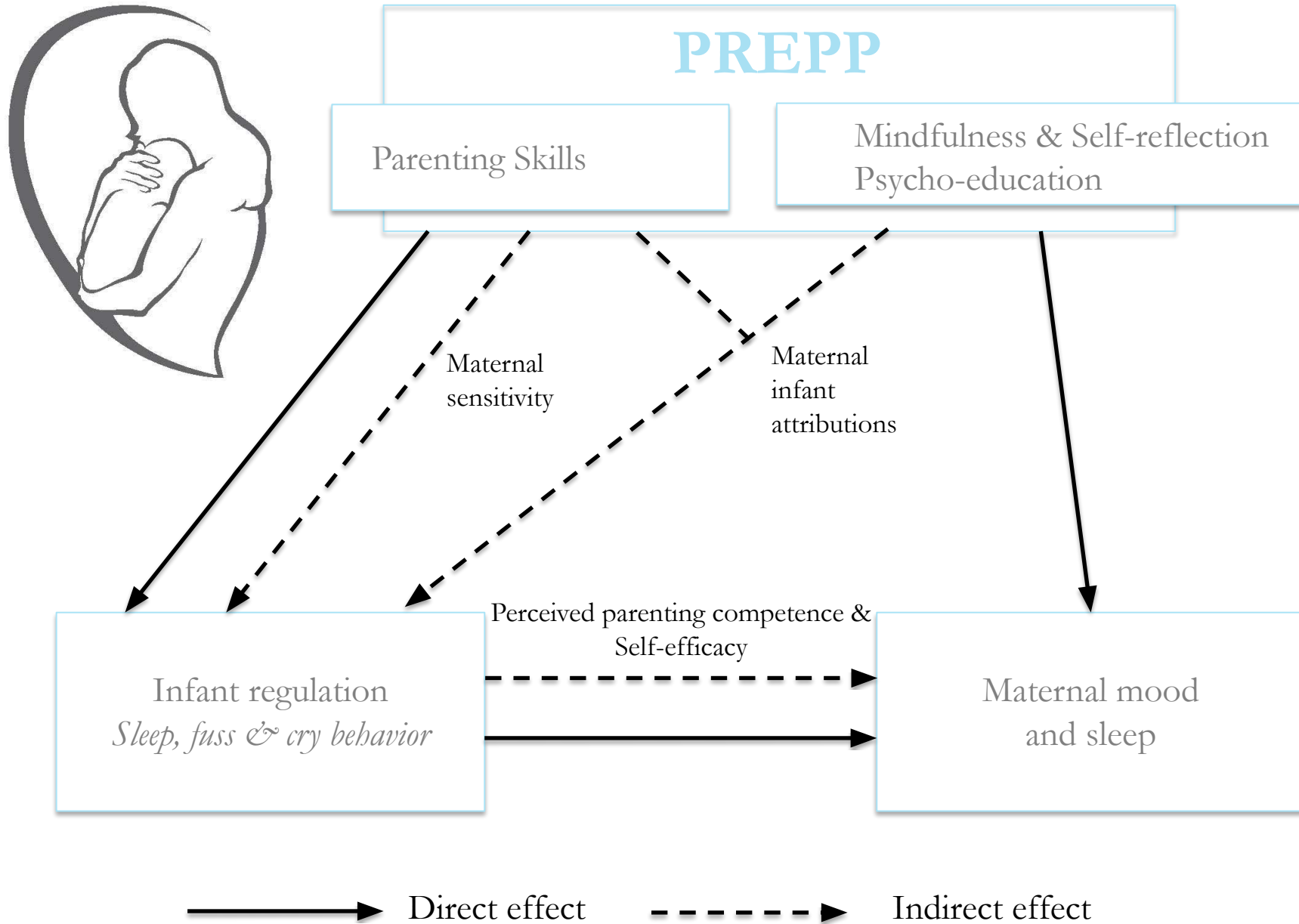
Build self- efficacy/ competence in parenting, foster positive infant attributions, and maternal sensitivity

Improve women's sleep, lessen distress

Sleep skills & mindfulness & self-reflection; Psychoeducation

Component 1 & 2





PREPP: Improving Access to, & Uptake of, Prevention Services

- Shame in endorsing distress in the context of child bearing ([Dennis & Chung-Lee, 2006](#))
 - Focus on maternal role and infant—the dyad
- Stigma associated with receiving mental health services ([Dennis & Chung-Lee, 2006](#); [Goodman, 2009](#))
 - **Coach; Name, PREPP: “Practical Resources for Effective Postpartum Parenting**
- Logistical challenges of attending added health care appointments at a different location ([Byatt, Simas, Lundquist, Johnson, & Ziedonis, 2012](#); [Goodman, 2009](#))
 - Sessions adjunctive to OB prenatal visits and 6-week well-baby visit and via telehealth
 - Potential to incorporate into OB practices and prenatal care ecosystem
 - A variety of providers/disciplines can be trained
- Disinclination to take medication while pregnant or breastfeeding ([Battle, Salisbury, Schofield, & Ortiz-Hernandez, 2013](#); [Goodman, 2009](#))
 - Behavioral and cognitive foci





Patient Experience — Gina

- PPD risk factors/stressors:
 - Lives with her three teenage sisters and mother in a one bedroom apartment
 - Eviction threat
 - FOB absent
 - Unsure how to take care of a baby, no experience
- After PREPP
 - Felt more prepared for motherhood.
 - PREPP helped her manage the stress of caring for a crying baby in very cramped quarters
 - PREPP mindfulness techniques improved her sleep and management of her ruminations when she awakened in the night
 - “It helped me as a mom and as a person.”



Patient Experiences — Lasia

- PPD risk factors/stressors
 - Lives in a two bedroom apartment with three younger brothers, step father, mother, and older brother with addiction problem
 - Just turned 20
- After PREPP
 - Empowered to help her family make a change in their living situation
 - PREPP helped her become the “type of mom [she] wants to be”
 - Has shared the PREPP pamphlet with her mother so that they “...could be on the same page” when caring for her newborn
 - “I really appreciated all the information on the [Period of Purple] crying – I would have freaked out if I didn’t know that was coming at 2 weeks [postpartum].”

Next Session on PREPP



EFFICACY DATA



A MUCH CLOSER LOOK AT
THE PREPP INTERVENTION



REACH OUT, STAY STRONG ESSENTIALS
for mothers of newborns



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ROSE: An evidence-based intervention to prevent postpartum depression

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REACH OUT
STAY STRONG
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ROSE

For Moms Of
Newborns

of





ROSE is based mostly on
Interpersonal Psychotherapy

Interpersonal Psychotherapy is
the frontline treatment for
postpartum depression

ROSE

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Interpersonal therapy targets risk factors for postpartum depression that are amenable to change (e.g., low levels of social support; isolation, interpersonal disputes)

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Reach **O**ut, **S**tay **S**trong, **E**ssentials
for mothers of newborns

- ROSE is administered individually or in small groups during pregnancy.
- ROSE is presented as a course or support group to minimize stigma and emphasizes the program as an educational experience.
- ROSE consists of four +- 90-min group sessions (or ~60-min individual sessions) and a post-delivery individual booster/check-in session

ROSE

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Reach Out, Stay Strong, Essentials
for mothers of newborns

- Designed for prenatal clinics and other agencies offering prenatal services (e.g., Healthy Start Programs, Doula Services, WIC)
- Can be taught by non-mental health professionals (e.g., nurses, health educators, midwives) and paraprofessionals
- Intervention materials (educator manual, English and Spanish patient workbook, flashcards, slides for virtual delivery)

ROSE

ROSE Core Elements

Psychoeducation on:

- Postpartum depression, postpartum blues
- Managing Stress in transition to motherhood
- Social support as a buffer against postpartum depression
- Relevant postpartum resources

Teaching:

- Communication skills via role plays
- Stress management skills
- Building and enhancing social skills
- Review/reinforce skills at postpartum session

ROSE Flexible Elements

- Group vs. individual
- Office vs. home visit vs. Telehealth
- Time during pregnancy
- Order of sessions
- Open enrollment of group
- Missed sessions can be made up
- Sessions can be split into shorter pieces or lumped together
- Any outpatient prenatal setting (OBGYN, FQHC, visiting nurses, healthy start programs, etc)
- Paraprofessional/non-mental health provider vs. mental health provider

ROSE Participant Workbook



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ROSE is an Evidence-Based Practice

Four randomized clinical trials have shown that ROSE significantly reduces risk of postpartum depression in low-income women by half.

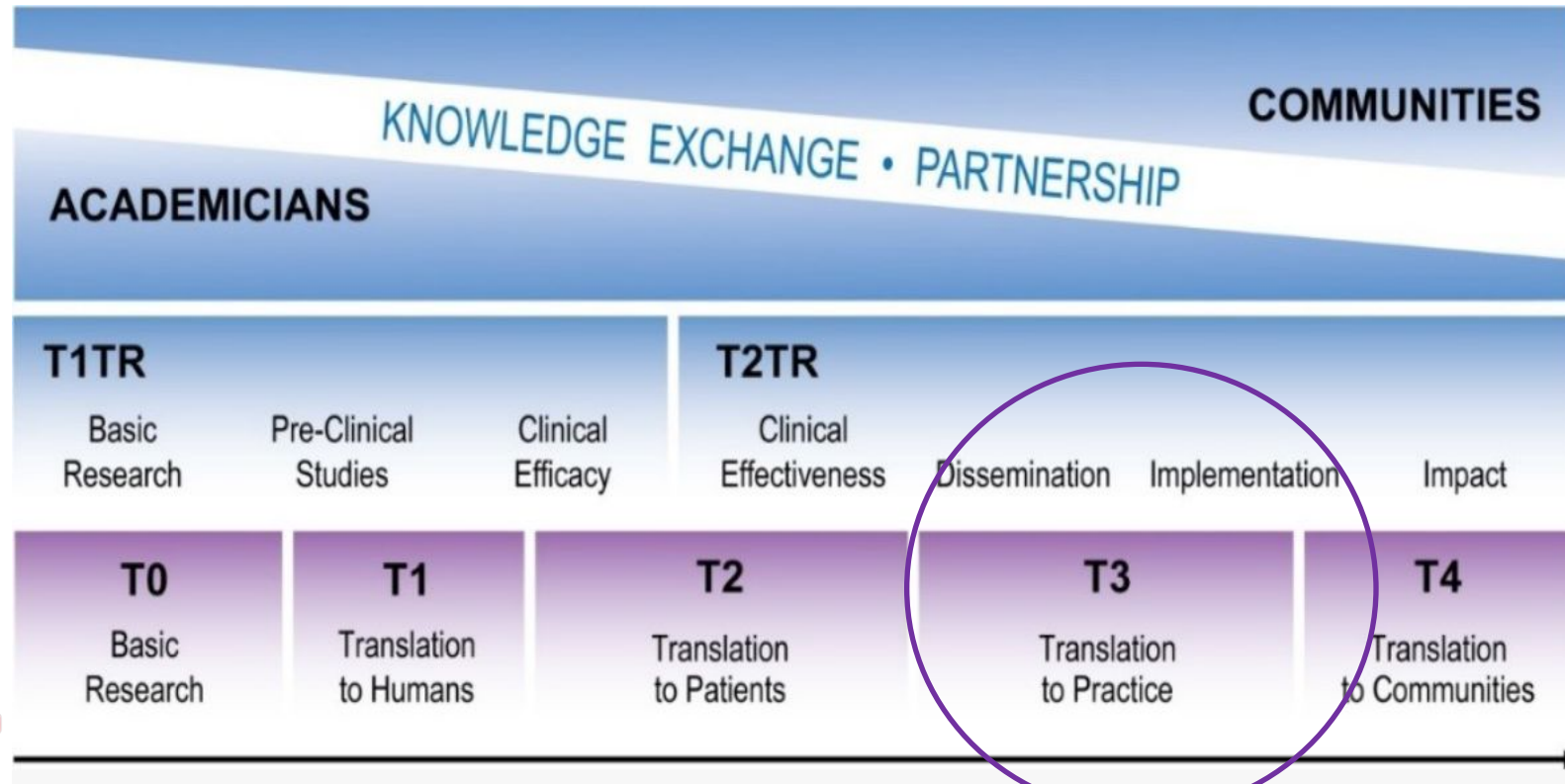
ROSE Studies:

- Significantly reduces cases of postpartum depression
- Used a validated diagnostic measure of postpartum depression
- Have replicated positive findings
- Tested in community settings with racially and ethnically diverse samples
- Tested in heterogeneous samples (e.g., teens and rural individuals)
- Samples were highly diverse

**ROSE prevents half of postpartum depression cases among
low-income ROSE participants**

ROSE

The Next Step for ROSE is Implementation and Scale-up



ROSE

Implementation Trial of ROSE (R01 MH114883)

How much technical support is needed for clinics offering prenatal services to implement ROSE and sustain it over time?

The study has enrolled 98 prenatal agencies across the US



ROSES

The ROSE Sustainment Study

Johnson et al. (2018). Protocol for the ROSE Sustainment (ROSES) Study. *Implementation Science*, **13**, 115.

Thank You!

Women and Infants Hospital in Rhode Island has launched a website that provides materials and videos necessary to be trained in delivering the evidence-based ROSE Program to prevent postpartum depression

The link below takes you straight to the website

<https://www.womenandinfants.org/rose-program-postpartum-depression>

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THANK YOU!

BREAKOUT ROOMS



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