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2024 BIRTH EQUITY FUNDERS SUMMIT | JUNE 11-13, 2024

**INNOVATE. COLLABORATE. ACTIVATE.**

Aligning Strategies to Advance Equitable Birth Outcomes

## TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

### Time

### Event Details

6:00 PM –  
8:00 PM

**Convening Kick-off, Welcome, Networking**

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

### Time

### Event Details

8:00 AM –  
9:20 AM

**Fireside Chat | Welcome, Illinois Funding Birth Justice: Innovation, Collaboration, and Activation**

**Presenters** | Moderator: Sona Smith | *Ms. Foundation*

Panelists: Shruti Jayaraman | *Chicago Beyond*, Jeanine Logan | *Chicago South Side Birth Center*, Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton | *State of Illinois*

9:30 AM –  
10:50 AM

**Birth Justice Funder Insights**

**Presenters** | Melissa Gradilla | *Every Mother Counts*, Lanita Morris | *Groundswell Fund*, Betsy McNamara | *Funders for Birth Justice and Equity*

**Landscape Analysis of Birth Justice: Defining, Mapping and Strategizing**

**Presenters** | Indra Lusero & Danica Lâm | *Elephant Circle*

**Sovereignty at First Breath**

**Presenters** | Yuki Davis | *Groundswell Fund*, Helena Jacobs | *Alaska Native Birth Workers Community*, A-dae Briones | *First Nation Development Institute*, Zintkala Mahpiya Win Blackowl | *He Sapa Birthing Network*

**Power, Belonging, and Justice in Funder / Grantee Relations**

**Presenters** | Tamila Gresham & Simon Mont | *Harmonize*

11:00 AM –  
12:20 PM

**Funding “Outside the Box” to Achieve Mission and Beyond: How Collaborative Funding Can Have an Outsized Impact**

**Presenters** | Andrea Palmer | *Pritzker Family Foundation*, Tammea Tyler & Mary Fitzmaurice | *Centering Healthcare Institute*, Renée Nogales | *The Burke Foundaton*

**Unlocking Potential in Birth Justice Funding: Why BIPOC-Led Funding Intermediaries are a Critical Resource to Achieve Racial and Socioeconomic Equity in Philanthropic Giving**

**Presenters** | Sean Smith & Jess Kimball | *Global Foundation For Girls*

**Seeding the Future: Spending-Down as a Practice of Cultivating Abundance in Birth Justice**

**Presenters** | Joanna Lauen | *Irving Harris Foundation*, Tenesha Duncan | *Orchid Capital*, Elise Belusa | *Tara Health Foundation*

**BIPOC Funders in Affinity for Birth Justice**

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12:20 PM –  
2:00 PM

**Birth Justice Documentary**

2:00 PM –  
3:20 PM

**Doing Right at Birth: Improving Equity by Interrupting “Test and Report” at Birth**

**Presenters** | Dr. Karen Scott, Kimá Joy Taylor, & Mishka Terplan | *Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE)*

**Double Consciousness: Exploring the Need for Lived Experience Within Birth Justice Philanthropy**

**Presenters** | Tareya Palmer & Alia Stevenson | *Tide Foundation*

**Solidarity, Not Charity: Birth Worker Mutual Aid and Innovation**

**Presenters** | Kiana Trabue & Jena’ Bradley | *Bi3*, Raquel Jeffers | *Community Health Acceleration Partnership (CHAP)*

**Birth Justice Documentary — Discussion**

**Presenters** | Raena Granberry | *California Black Women’s Health Program*, Jackie Joy Ho-Shing | *Access Esperanza Health Clinic*

3:30 PM –  
5:30 PM

**Community Visits**

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

Time

Event Details

7:00 AM –  
8:00 AM

**Breakfast**

8:00 AM –  
10:00 AM

**Not Just Ideas: Strategically Advancing Justice in Medicaid Maternal Health Policy**

**Presenters** | Indra Lusero | *Elephant Circle*, Jennifer E. Moore | *Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI)*, Monique Shaw | *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)*, Jacquelyn Caglia & Wilna Paulemon | *Merck for Mothers*, Alexandra Geertz & Leah Lomotey-Nakon | *Afton Bloom*

**State-Level Funder Alliances and the Value of Public-Private Partnerships**

**Presenters** | Sona Smith | *Ms. Foundation for Women*, Ausannette Goyette | *Irving Harris Foundation*, Andrea Palmer | *Pritzker Children’s Initiative*, Cecile Edwards | *New Jersey Birth Equity Funders Alliance*, Sheila Reynertson | *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)*, Raquel Mazon Jeffers | *Community Health Acceleration Partnership (CHAP)*

**Grow Birth Centers: Advancing a National Strategy to Grow Community Birth Infrastructure**

**Presenters** | Diana Derige & Lesley Welch | *Birth Center Equity*

10:30 AM –  
12:00 PM

**Summit Recap & Call to Action: Navigating the Path to Birth Equity Amidst a Shifting Landscape**

**Presenters** | Moderator: Haile Eshe Cole, PHD | *Funders for Birth Justice and Equity Community Council*  
Panelists: Fiona Kanagasingam | *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)*, Indra Lusero | *Elephant Circle*, Tamila Gresham | *Harmonize*, Tenesha Duncan | *Orchid Capital*