Impact Report 2022

open arms perinatal services

Our Results

In 2022, we were still feeling the collective impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but our team was up to the task. Despite the challenges, we bolstered our programs, enhancing our capacity to deliver outstanding perinatal and early parenting support to our focus communities.

- **C-Section Rate**: 26.4%
  - State of WA, 2021: 29%
  - King County, 2019: 34.9%
  - State of WA, 2020: 8.9%
  - King County, 2015-19: 6.6%

- **NICU Admission**: 8%
  - State of WA, 2021: 11.1%

- **Pre-term Birth Rate**: 5.6%
  - State of WA, 2020: 8.9%
  - King County, 2020: 9.3%

- **Low Birth Weight**: 5%
  - State of WA, 2021: 7%
  - King County, 2015-19: 6.6%

- **Chestfeeding at 6 months**: 91%
  - State of WA, 2021: 50.7%
  - King County, 2019: 36%
Community Education

In 2022, we made significant strides in expanding community access to professional development opportunities for birth workers and childbirth education. Our Clinical Lactation & Community Education Lead successfully launched our community lactation training program, enrolling a cohort of 37 aspiring community lactation specialists and IBCLCs from our focus communities in King County.

We maintained our strong partnership with midwife and doula trainer, Shafia Monroe, and together we trained and certified 9 childbirth educators and 7 BIPOC doulas in Washington State. Additionally, our Childbirth Education classes reached 30 expecting families. Our new team of childbirth educators helped to nurture these families with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed decisions during pregnancy, birth, and the early days of parenthood.

Doula Services

We doubled the capacity of our community-based outreach doula team by hiring 4 new outreach doulas. This expansion enables us to serve twice as many families. We also trained 20 community members in our outreach doula curriculum, equipping them with the necessary skills to provide compassionate, culturally-centered care. In our Birth Doula Services team, we hired 12 new birth doulas. We are proud that 75% of our birth doulas identify as Black, Indigenous, or other people of color and offer support in 7 languages.

Advocacy

The power of statewide doula advocacy, including our own efforts, led to the successful passage of HB 1881 during the 2022 legislative session. This groundbreaking legislation establishes a new health profession for doulas within the state's Department of Health. This landmark development lays the foundation for public reimbursement of doula services, bringing us closer to realizing our vision of Doulas for All!
627 families served in 2022

89% of families identified as Black, Indigenous, or other People of Color

171 births attended by doula services

21,539 diapers distributed in partnership with Westside Baby

1,739 hours of labor supported by our doulas
300 Hours of One-on-One Lactation Support

1,964 Food Bags Distributed in Partnership with Tilth Alliance

100 Lactation Lounges Held in English and Spanish

677 People Served at Community Connector Events

163 Families Enrolled in Family Support Services
Expenses exceeded revenue due to spend-down on restricted grants received in previous years.
Who We Are

Our Team

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Thank You for Being an Essential Part of the Open Arms Community!

Your support ensures that families like mine have access to community-based and culturally-responsive services.