ADVOCACY TO ACTION: FINDING YOUR VOICE TO IMPROVE WOMEN’S HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the scope of infant mortality inequities in the US
- Identify “bright spots” in addressing health inequities and disparities
- Identify opportunities and strategies for promoting health advocacy
Infant Mortality Rate by Country
2017

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Note: 2016 data shown for Japan
Source: KFF analysis of OECD data
The U.S. spent $3,492.1 billion on health care in 2017. Where did it go?

- Hospital care: $1,142.5 billion, 32.7%
- Physician services: $544.2 billion, 15.6%
- Other personal health care: $527.3 billion, 15.1%
- Prescription drugs: $333.4 billion, 9.5%
- Clinical services: $150.1 billion, 4.3%
- Home health care: $97.0 billion, 2.8%
- Nursing care facilities: $166.3 billion, 4.8%
- Net cost of health insurance: $229.5 billion, 6.6%
- Government administration: $45.0 billion, 1.3%
- Investment: $167.6 billion, 4.8%
- Government public health activities: $88.9 billion, 2.5%

While everyone is experiencing lower IMR, disparities steadily increased between 1970-2000.

Disparities between Blacks and Whites is still greater than at any time before 1990.

INFANT MORTALITY BY RACE AND ETHNICITY 2017

- What drives this outcome for Black infants?

Black college educated women have significantly higher rates of infant mortality than White women with less than a high school education.
MY STORY OF ADVOCACY
USING YOUR VOICE TO ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH EQUITY

- Define (and redefine) your issue.
- Follow the money (and the activity around it).
- Build partnerships (even in unusual places).
- Be brave. Leaders get out of the status quo. They don’t live there.
THANK YOU!

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