



Birth Equity Funders' Summit: It's Time for Collaborative Action on Birth Equity

October 25-27, 2022
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Tuesday, October 25

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Funders' Welcome and Evening Reception**
International Ballroom A: M2 North Tower
Kristy Klein Davis, Healthcare Georgia Foundation
Cara V. James, Grantmakers In Health
Inas Madhi, National Birth Equity Collaborative

Wednesday, October 26

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Informal Breakfast**
Cottonwood Room: M1 North Tower

8:30 a.m. **Zoom presentation begins for virtual participants**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Cottonwood Room: M1 North Tower
Monica Beltran, W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Naa Amissah Hammond, Groundswell Fund

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. **Keynote Discussion: Setting the Stage for Action**
Jennie Joseph, Commonsense Children Inc.
Kimberly Seals Allers, The IRTH App (Narrative Nation)

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Introduction to Morning Panel Sessions**



- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **Building Trust for Greater Equity for Birthing Families**
Aza Nedhari, Mamatoto Village Inc.
Meredith Shockley-Smith, Cradle Cincinnati
Melissa Thomasson, bi3
Kiana Trabue, bi3
Moderator: Danielle Lovell Jones, Afton Bloom
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.** **The Role of Federal Funders in Birth Equity**
Michael Warren, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration
Moderator: Andrea Palmer, Pritzker Family Foundation's Children's Initiative
- 11:45 – 12:45 p.m.** **Exploring the Intersectionality of Birth Equity**
Aasha Jackson, SisterSong
Naa Amisah Hammond, Groundswell Fund
Monique Shaw, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Sona Smith, Ms. Foundation for Women
Moderator: Danielle Lovell Jones, Afton Bloom
- 12:45 p.m.** **Zoom presentation concludes for virtual participants**
Lunch Buffet opens
- 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.** **Lunch Remarks**
Anna King, Maternal Mental Health NOW
- 1:45 - 2:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Deep Dive Workshops**
- Investing in the Power of the Birth Workforce**
Juniper Room: M2 North Tower
Angela Doyinsola Aina, Black Mamas Matter Alliance
Twylla Dillion, HealthConnect One
Josh Nesbit, Widespread Care
Moderator: Danielle Lovell Jones, Afton Bloom



Aligning on Equitable and Community-Informed Metrics

Pecan Room: M3 North Tower

Eurnestine Brown, Brazelton Touchpoints Center
Carol Sakala, National Partnership for Women & Families
Joshua Sparrow, Brazelton Touchpoints Center
Moderators: Alexandra Geertz, Afton Bloom and
Lindsay Broyhill, Boldly Go Philanthropy

Role of Philanthropy in Addressing Challenges in Policy and Advocacy

Cottonwood Room: M1 North Tower

Nan Strauss, Every Mother Counts
Jamila Taylor, The Century Foundation
Moderators: Sumati Joshi, Afton Bloom and
Kyle Peterson, Boldly Go Philanthropy

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop Report-Out

Cottonwood Room: M1 North Tower
Alexandria Geertz, Afton Bloom

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Closing Note

Alexandra Geertz, Afton Bloom

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Funders' Evening Dinner

Redwood Room: M1 North Tower

Thursday, October 27

8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Commitment Breakfast: Pathways and Approaches

Cottonwood Room: M1 North Tower
Raquel Mazon Jeffers, Community Health Acceleration Partnership
Alexandra Geertz, Afton Bloom
Betsy McNamara, Funders for Birth Justice and Equity