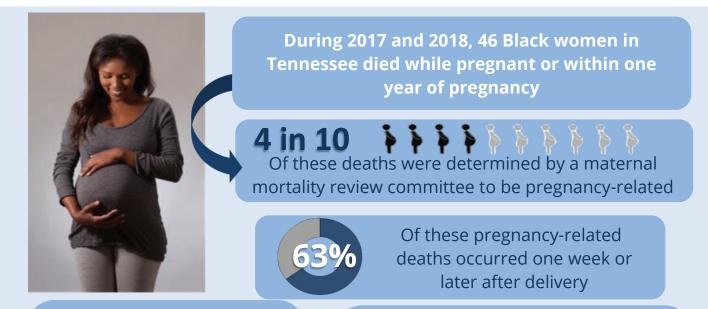
### **Racial Inequity in Pregnancy-Related Deaths**



Black women in Tennessee are **3x** as likely to die from pregnancy complications than White women

# Top causes of pregnancy-related deaths among Black women:

- 1. Heart disease\*
- 2. Preeclampsia and eclampsia
- 3. Embolism, infection and homicide

**100%** of pregnancy-related deaths to Black women were determined to be preventable

## Prevention Opportunities •



### Clinics and Hospitals

Systems

- Provide continuing education for healthcare providers on the following topics: signs and symptoms of preeclampsia; evaluation and current treatment guidelines for cardiac conditions in pregnant and postpartum women
- Develop interpersonal violence screening and care coordination protocols
- Implement a policy for all staff to complete implicit bias training



#### Healthcare Providers

- Ensure consultation and transfer to the appropriate level of obstetric care for patients with high risk conditions
- Ensure consistent screening, assessment and treatment for high risk conditions
- Utilize a quality measures checklist for cardiac conditions
- Complete implicit bias training

\*includes cardiovascular, coronary conditions and cardiomyopathy



This publication was supported by the grant number 1 NU58DP006681-01-00 funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official view of the CDC or the Department of Health and Human Services

