

Revival of a Core Public Health Function: State-Based Maternal Mortality Surveillance



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Deborah credits the success and sustainability of Florida's PAMR program to the vision and foresight of the founding members, many of whom remain on the team today. It is the desire of Florida's PAMR program to raise awareness of the issues surrounding pregnancy-related mortality and promote interventions aimed at reducing or preventing such deaths.



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