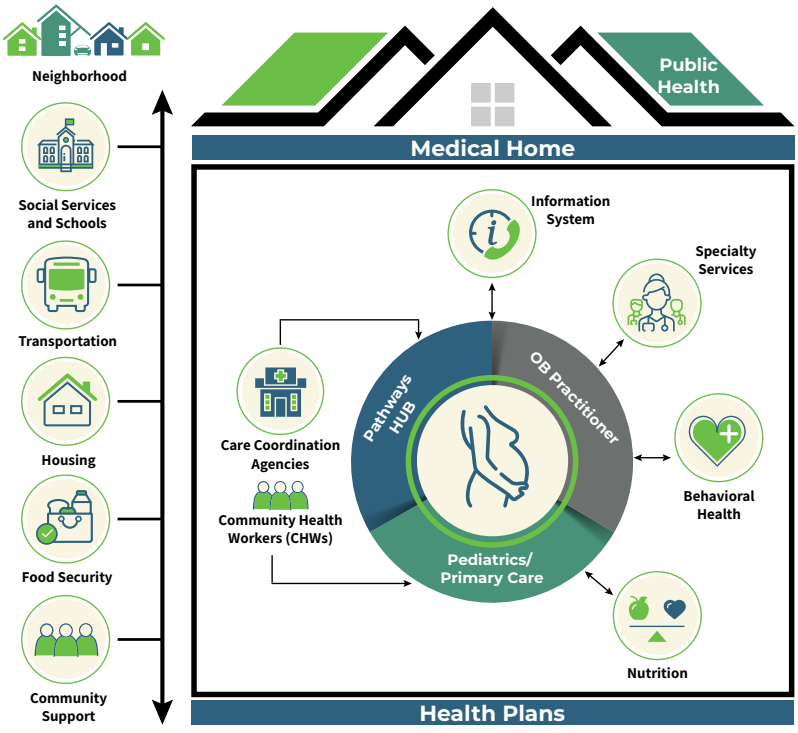
# Southern Nevada Integrated Maternal Health Services Program



Comagine Health is partnering with the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV Department of Gynecologic Surgery & Obstetrics and UNLV School of Public Health to integrate the Maternity Medical Home (MMH) model with the Southern Nevada Pathways Community Hub (SNPCH) in Clark County, Nevada.

The Pathways Community HUB Institute® Model is an evidence-based model shown to improve birth outcomes and reduce costs, particularly among communities disproportionately impacted by health disparities. This collaboration with the MMH model aims to improve birth outcomes and increase early and ongoing retention in care up to one year post partum, addressing behavioral, psychological and social factors.

The below model highlights the central role of pregnant people and their connection to health care and community services. It emphasizes a collaborative approach where medical, behavioral and social services interact bidirectionally to support maternal health.




## Collaborative Partners

### Obstetrics and Gynecology Partners

- Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV Department of Gynecologic Surgery & Obstetrics (Co-Principal Investigator)
- Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada

### Participating Care Coordination Agencies

- Dignity Health, St. Rose Dominican
- Nevada Health Centers
- Southern Nevada Health District Primary and Preventive Care Division

### Aligning Partners and Consultants

- Children's Cabinet Strong Start Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Project
- Clark County Social Services
- Minority Health Consultants
- Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health
- Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity
- Pathways Community HUB Institute®
- Phenomenal Mama
- SilverSummit Healthplan
- University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
- UNLV School of Public Health (Co-Principal Investigator)
- Women, Infants and Children

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# Project Phases

### Phase 1: Design and Production

Initially, the model was designed for demonstration (Figure 1), using Human-Centered Design (HCD) to identify the needs and challenges of pregnant people in Clark County, Nevada.

HCD was conducted with clincians, social service providers and community members. Key recommendations were compiled and are available here. The team is preparing a final report and manuscript. We have transitioned to program production, with two workgroups preparing workflows and decision-support tools for the pilot (Phase 2).

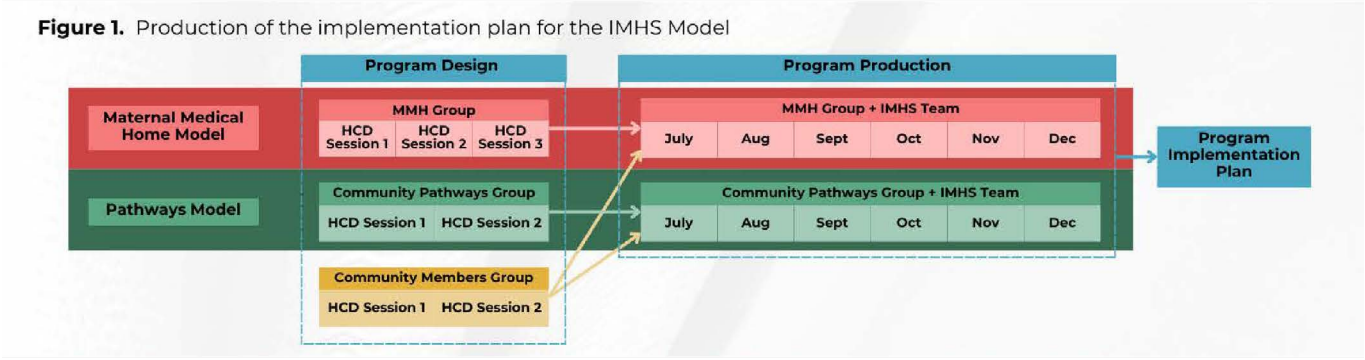
### Phase 2: Pilot

Phase 2 will launch in January 2025 in partnership with the UNLV Shadow Lane clinic with the goal of enrolling 300 pregnant people in the pilot between February 2025 and September 2026.

### Phase 3: Scale Up and Spread

Following the pilot, a learning collaborative will be launched to cross-train regional providers in implementing the model and to engage health plans in aligning incentives with desired behaviors that reduce costly complications. This effort will support the sustainability and expansion of the model in Clark County.

**Figure 1.** Production of the implementation plan for the IMHS Model




"The maternal health crisis and the lack of health equity in this space has illuminated a deep need for us to invest in the care of one of society's most vulnerable populations. This program is critical to improving care for pregnant people and creating a robust safety net for them, so they have the opportunity to thrive. This program is essential to decrease maternal morbidity and improve maternal and infant health outcomes."



– ***Dr. Nadia Gomez, MD, MBA***
*Co-Principal Investigator, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV*



## Human Centered Design Session

This community member HCD session was led by Nicole Taylor and Amanda Castelo Saragosa on July 1, 2024. The group worked together to understand pain points and barriers to care that pregnant people face and the impact of those barriers. Having dedicated in-person time to discuss these topics proved invaluable to our design phase.

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