

African American Babies Coalition & Projects

Fiscal Year 2026 – Outstanding Community Organization Award recipient

AABC catalyzes the community

239 people attended the 2025 Black & Brown Birthing Summit, featuring [Dr. West Olatunji](#) of the Center for Traumatic Stress Research and [Ken L. Harris](#), maternal and paternal health expert

100% said the 2025 Black, Brown, Birthing Summit **increased their motivation** to address disparities and systemic racism

90% were **very satisfied** with the 2025 Summit

I have been so deeply changed by the two summits I've attended. It has changed the trajectory of my work as both a provider and leader in a large health care organization. It has deepened my desire to make systematic change and continue to fight against racism and elevate the voices of black and brown people. – BBB Summit Attendee

95 people engaged in **Black Maternal Health Week** – Rooted in Justice & Joy

18 community members engaged in the **Safer Birthing Consortium**

AABC supports BIPOC families and underserved mothers

77 mothers received **meals** during the postpartum period through doulas and public health nurses

All (7) doulas said the Gentle Postpartum Program **reduced stress** for their clients

11 families received **home visits** through Family Spirit

112 expecting families attended the **Community Baby Showers** and received resources to support their new babies



AABC trains professionals with knowledge and skills to improve care for BIPOC mothers and babies

AABC offered **six trainings in 2026 – 53 professionals** attended.



- 2 Community Conversation Host trainings
- 2 Moving Beyond Crisis training series
- 1 Community Outreach Perinatal Educator series
- 1 Birthing Fruition 5 Prong training series

100%

of training attendees said AABC training **increased their motivation** to address disparities and systemic racism

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of training attendees were **very satisfied** with the training they attended

The biggest take away attendees had from training is an **increased understanding of how culture and trauma inform parenting practices**; the importance of being unbiased and to aim for **transformational relationships**.

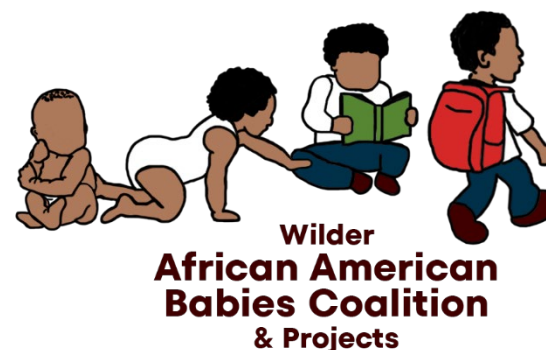
AABC does outreach on key laws to benefit families

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participants attended **DEED Paid Leave** engagement events and reported increased knowledge of Paid Leave benefits and eligibility, and likelihood they access benefits

AABC is responsive to the community

- ▶ AABC is launching the **Integrated Care for High-Risk Pregnancies** program in partnership with Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota (PPMNS), and Ramsey County Public Health.
- ▶ The **Safer Birthing Consortium** is expanding and will be used to inform the development and implementation of AABC programming.
- ▶ Surveys with community members indicate that **training on family crisis and support topics** are of top interest; this will inform future trainings.
- ▶ AABC is conducting discussions with parents to document the **impacts of Operation Metro Surge** on expecting and new parents to inform future programming.
- ▶ By keeping presenters fresh and offering continuing education hours, AABC hopes to **increase completion of training series** with multiple sessions.
- ▶ AABC is partnering with Wilder Research to implement **participatory evaluation** with training attendees to measure longer-term impact of trainings.



AABC was awarded the **2026 Outstanding Community Organization Award** by the Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative.