



**CHOICES**  
Memphis Center for Reproductive Health

**STILL BATTLING OVER BIRTH**



# ABOUT THIS EVENT

The COVID-19 pandemic has made visible enormous disparities in health outcomes, as well as society's indifference to needless Black deaths, with Black folks 5x more likely to contract the virus than whites. For Black pregnant and birthing folks, the pandemic has added new challenges to a broken maternal health care system that was already failing Black mamas. How is the pandemic impacting birth experiences and outcomes? How are Black mamas and Black birthworkers battling the system in this moment? In this webinar, you will hear from the real experts: Black mamas who have given birth during the pandemic. In addition, Black birthworkers will share their insights about how we can best support Black mamas during the pandemic, in a conversation facilitated by Battling Over Birth co-author Chinyere Oparah.

## Speakers:

Kamilah Willingham, mama

Naquesha Slaughter, mama

Lisa Davis, midwife NuBirth Midwifery

Linda Jones, doula, grandmother and co-founder, Black Women Birthing Justice

Chinyere Oparah, author, educator and co-founder, Black Women Birthing Justice

# ABOUT THIS WEBINAR

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This Webinar is provided by Black Women Birthing Justice to launch our new community research justice project Still Battling Over Birth. We want to find out how Black mamas and birthworkers have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, so that we can advocate for changes to improve our experiences and birth outcomes. To learn more about how you can participate if you are a Black mama or birthworker, [click here.](#)





# Pregnant & New Mamas\*



If you are a Black pregnant mama or have given birth since Feb 1 - we invite you to participate by completing our [online survey](#) and participating in an online [sharing circle](#) or TEXT MAMA to 510 -269-7623

**TAKE SURVEY**



\*BWBJ recognizes that not all people who get pregnant identify as women. We use "mamas" as an inclusive term for birthing folks of all genders.



# Black Birthworker -



If you are a Black birth worker -we invite you to participate by completing our online survey and participating in an online sharing circle.

Please click this link or

TEXT Birthworker to 510-269-7623





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## **BLACK BAY AREA** **BIRTH FUND LETTER** **FOR SUPPORT**

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## **FRONTLINE DOULAS**

BWBJ in partnership with the Frontline Doulas through Diversity Uplifts, Inc. is offering support to doulas through the Frontlines project - \$1000 awards, support to clients through a “hotline” where they get to talk to a doula, and warm nutritious postpartum meals for 40 days to black mamas in Oakland area

[Learn more](#)



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Thank you everyone for joining us today. Please give us your feedback by filling out the very short survey in the chat. Post webinar survey:

<https://forms.gle/tw7Wh6nwAw27wndx7>

[Read the Battling Over Birth:Black Women & The Maternal Health Care Crisis in California Report](#)

