Generate Health 2019 Policy Agenda

Generate Health mobilizes and inspires the St. Louis region to advance racial equity in pregnancy outcomes, family well-being, and community health.

We focus on policies and legislation that eliminate racial disparities in infant mortality and maternal health. Our work is guided by strategies that:

- Illuminate the root causes of racial disparities in infant mortality and maternal health
- Advocate for the redirection of resources to eliminate racial disparities in infant mortality and maternal health
- Catalyze action within the ecosystem
- Advance regional accountability for equitable systems

**Generate Health will actively work with key partners to:**

**Protect Medicaid and Expand Access to Care**
Generate Health supports increasing access to prenatal, behavioral health and overall health care for women, children and families.

**Promote Maternal Health**
Generate Health supports efforts that focus on equity before, during, and between pregnancies, including improving capacity to understand and address Maternal Mortality and Morbidity. We also advocate for increasing pregnant and parenting families’ access to community health workers, doulas, midwives and nurse practitioners.

**Strengthen Home Visiting**
Generate Health supports the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). We support increased funding at the federal, state and local level for home visiting programs.

**Promote Social and Economic Policy**
Generate Health supports policies and legislation that would improve community conditions including:

- Quality/Safe Housing
- Access to Reliable Transportation
- Paid Parental Leave
- Missouri Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
Generate Health will monitor and support efforts to:

**Address Substance Use**
Generate Health supports efforts to address substance use, including opioids, marijuana, alcohol, and tobacco, and other drugs with a focus on the impact on the well-being and care of pregnant women, newborns and children.

**Promote Access to Immunizations**
Generate Health supports immunizations as a safe and effective way to eliminate preventable disease and save lives. We also support greater use of the state immunization registry as an effective tool for tracking immunization records which is especially beneficial for our state’s most vulnerable children.