



# IMPLICIT: Innovations for Maternal and Perinatal Care and Improvement Grant (Sept 2025-Jun 2028)

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# Housekeeping

- We will be recording this presentation to ensure that questions asked are accurately recorded and submitted to the website.
- Please save questions until the end.
- Questions can be asked by going off mute or writing in the chat.

Background of IMPLICIT model

IMPLICIT in Minnesota

IMPLICIT from the clinic perspective

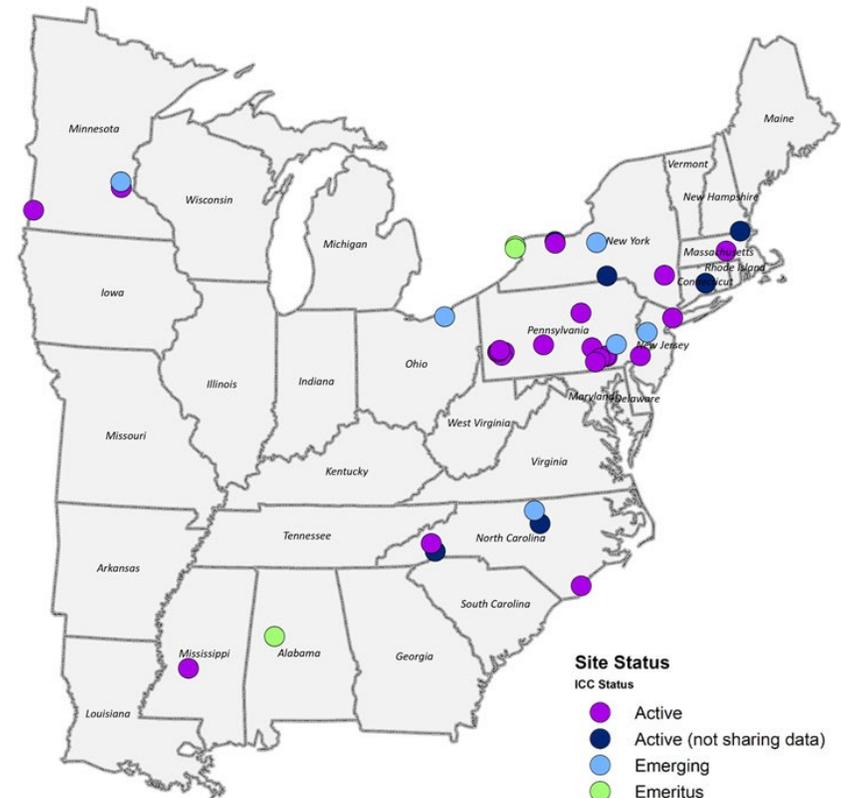
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# Background of IMPLICIT network

- IMPLICIT is an acronym:
  - Innovations for Maternal and Perinatal Care and Improvement Grant
- Formerly Interventions to Minimize Preterm and Low birth weight Infants using Continuous Quality Improvement Techniques
- The IMPLICIT Network was established in 2003 and today includes 27 sites
- 22 sites have implemented ICC and 19 are sharing data with the network



# Interconception care

- Model implemented by the IMPLICIT Network
- “Care provided to [birthing parents] between pregnancies to improve health outcomes for [birthing parents], newborns, and children” Rosener, S. E., et al, 2016.
- Focuses on accessing birthing parents through their child’s well child visits
- Interconception care promotes healthy outcomes in future pregnancies.

# Clinical screening and intervention

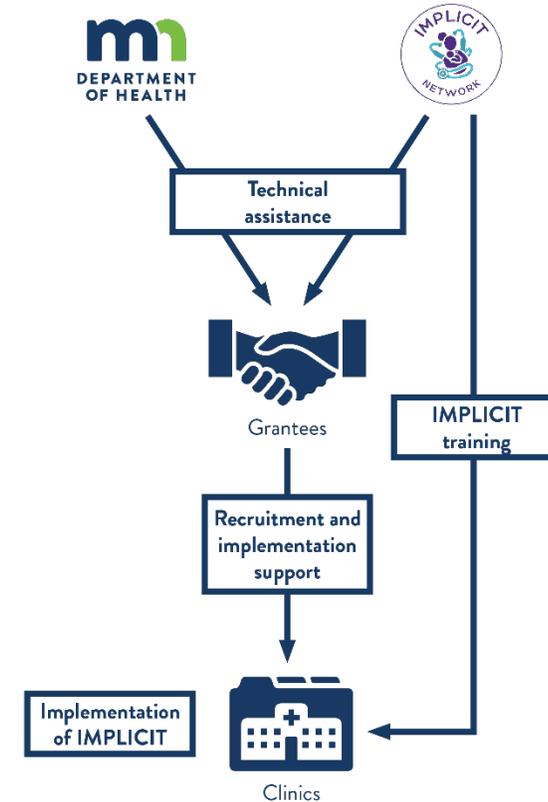
- ICC uses brief screening for birthing parents during well-child visits from 0-24 months of age
- A participating clinic will:
  - Assess current risk factors at each visit
    - Screening vs Intervention
  - Reinforce desired behaviors
  - Refer/connect with providers and community resources to address identified risks
  - Collect and analyze data

# IMPLICIT in Minnesota

- Identified by MN in 2020 as an evidence-based method for birth defects prevention and promotion of future healthy pregnancies
- Funded by state birth defects dollars
- 5-year RFP was posted in January 2020, current grant cycle is coming to an end
- Next grant cycle will be for 3 years

# IMPLICIT grant structure in MN

- Grantee acts as an intermediary between MDH, National IMPLICIT Network, and clinics
- Grantee recruits participating clinics
- Grantee enters participating clinics into an agreement
- Grantee trains and assists in the implementation of the ICC model in clinical settings



# MDH grant structure in MN\* cont.

- Other grantee responsibilities:
  - Technical assistance and training
  - IMPLICIT Network membership and networking
  - Evaluation
  - Administration of clinic stipends

\*eligible projects **must** contain all key tasks and deliverables

# The ideal clinic perspective

- Providing primary care, family medicine, or pediatric care
- Working collaboratively with MDH, grantee, and the IMPLICIT Network
- Receiving technical assistance and connection to other IMPLICIT participants
- Receiving compensation for participation

# RFP Details

- There will be a correction to the RFP coming this week about clinic stipends
- Clinics must receive NO LESS than \$12,000 and NO MORE than \$18,000 in stipend for participating in the first year
- The remaining budget will pay for the remaining budgetary needs of the grant, including travel to the annual IMPLICIT meeting and travel to clinics
  - For more details on travel, refer to the RFP for guidance
- This correction will be reflected on the RFP page shortly

# Eligible applicants\*

- Individuals,
- not-for-profit organizations,
- for-profit organizations, and
- health centers with clinical quality improvement experience are eligible to apply.

\*Applicants may apply from out-of-state, but are encouraged to review the due diligence form prior to creating their proposal

# Number of awards and funding

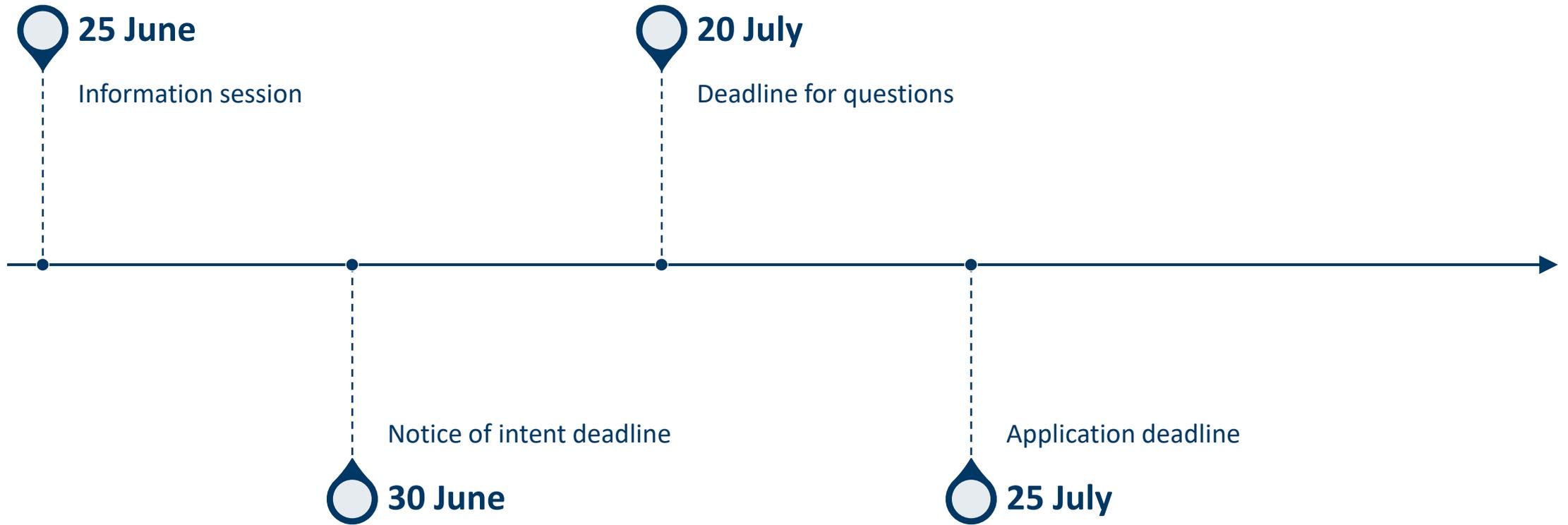
- 1 grantee will be selected to administer the subgrants
- \$130,000 per year, with a pro-rated amount for the shorter first year in the grant cycle

- Application documents, including proposal and questions are to be submitted to Foundant

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# Application timeline (DEADLINES EXTENDED)



# Question and answers

- All questions and answers will be posted to the grant website
- Questions can be asked in the chat or off mute during today's information session. All questions asked and their answers will be posted to the website
- Questions can be sent to [health.cyshn@state.mn.us](mailto:health.cyshn@state.mn.us) where answers will be posted to the website



# Thank You!

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