

## Lift Every Voice Research Project

This article talks about how maternal mortality rates are doubled within rural areas than urban areas within the nation. It has been proven; maternal deaths have doubled over the past three years in Alabama based in 2020. There is a strain on finding good health care in rural areas such as Pickens County and Alabama. A single parent Patrice Ball has a tough time with transportation and with the far distances she must travel to seek medical care is one of the key issues she faces while living in a rural area. Also, with her now 3-month-old having to be in the NICU when she was born for almost 27 made Patrice fall into a deep depression. Pickens county is one of the areas where basic services are scarce including maternal health care. Doctor Cathy Lavender is the only prenatal care provider who leads her to have deep feelings of pressure. But she takes the 45-minute trip to care for mothers in need such as Patrice Ball being one of her patients. Doctor Cathy has said that it is a proven fact that, "Women of color face a higher maternal mortality rate than anyone" The discrimination within in the healthcare industry against women of color may cause harm to them when in need. Harvard T.H Chan School also implies that," Back then within Jim Crow laws days women of color obtained little to no attention and would have had a higher risk of harsh cancer diagnoses due to the lack of maternal care. But also, as the years go on it increased the factual statement that Black women are more than likely to face many complications when giving birth and after. Alabama, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the nation for maternal mortality rate, is caused by the 36 deaths per 100,000 live births and the decreasing of maternal care throughout the state due to its cities being rural and its lack of public services. Also, residents of rural areas are a third more than likely to die of diabetes or cancer, 20% more to die of heart disease. The lack of doctor's issues of the key issues Midwife Stephani

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a black woman involved in the issue by building the first ever free-standing Birthing Center. She's wanting to prevent anti-black racism during maternal care, by giving women the relief of knowing their babies and themselves will be protected and taken great care of during the pregnancy. Preventing the worrying of women who are in need, such as for people who deal with drug issues but want to do right and have their children be healthy. Black women should be protected and safe like anyone else in the world and the maternal mortality rate should be lowered starting with the help of the Medical Industry.

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