Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Questionnaire Revision

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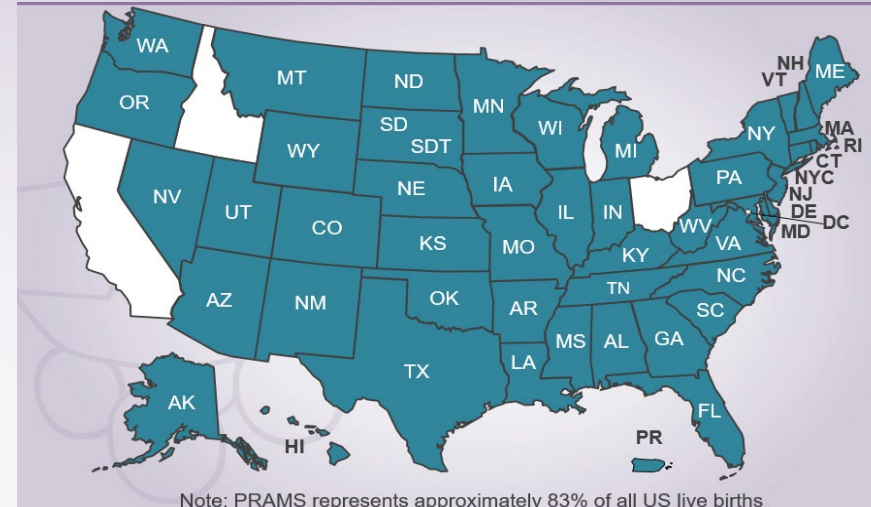Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality
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What is PRAMS?

- Population-based surveillance system

- Self-reported maternal behaviors and experiences around the time of pregnancy

- Supplements birth certificate information

- State/site and near-national estimates

Note: PRAMS represents approximately 83% of all US live births

PRAMS website:
http://www.cdc.gov/prams

Questionnaire History

- Initial development in 1987
  - Phase 1 Pilot 1988

- Evaluation/revisions
  - Phase 2:   1990
  - Phase 3:   1996
  - Phase 4:   2000
  - Phase 5:   2004
  - Phase 6:   2009
  - Phase 7:   2012
  - Phase 8:   2016
  - Phase 9:   2023

Selected Topics on PRAMS Questionnaire

Established Topics

- Unintended pregnancy
- Contraception
- Preconception care
- Prenatal care
- Health insurance
- Medicaid and WIC participation
- Cigarette smoking and alcohol use
- Physical abuse
- Mental health
- Breastfeeding
- Infant sleep environment

New/Emerging Topics

- E-cigarette and hookah use (2015)
- Zika virus (2016)
- Marijuana and drug use (2017)
- Prescription opioid pain reliever use (2019)
- Disability (2019)
- COVID-19 (2020) and vaccine (2021)

Phase 9 Survey Revision

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Goals of the Phase 9 Revision

- Update survey content (Phase 8 developed in 2014)
  - Ensure relevance of topics & questions to current environment
  - Address emerging priorities in MCH
- Capture priority topics across CDC, other federal and non-federal partners, grantees and their stakeholders
- Align with national performance measures (e.g., Healthy People 2030, Title V program)

Next Steps

- Follow-up with Committee at June meeting (and periodically afterwards)
  - Review of topic areas (what is missing, what is most relevant)
  - Discussion of a few key questions (e.g. SDoH)
  - Suggestions for further discussion