



The Maternity Care Center (MCC) at UNC Chatham Hospital in Siler City is under threat of closing.

Moms and babies in rural communities without maternity care services face significantly higher risks for complications and death. The Chatham Hospital MCC is the only place in Chatham County to give birth.

ABOUT US

STAND UP FOR ACCESS TO NEEDED CARE FOR MOMS AND BABIES

Scan the QR code to sign our
petition to Keep the MCC Open



If you would like to join the Coalition to Keep the MCC Open or to just learn more, please use the QR code or link below to complete our interest form.

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WHY WE ARE SPEAKING UP

Access to quality, accessible, and respectful maternity care services are a basic sexual and [reproductive health right](#).

Before the MCC reopened in 2020, [Chatham County ranked in the bottom quarter of N.C. counties](#) for average distance between home and a hospital with childbirth services.

Traveling long distances to deliver contributes to [increased infant mortality and pregnancy complications](#).

Two babies die every hour in the U.S. and one woman dies every 12 hours as a result of [pregnancy complications](#)

American Indian/Native Alaskan and Black women are [2-3x more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes](#) than white women.

Infants born to Black women are [over 2x as likely to die](#) relative to those born to White women.

[Rural counties with a higher proportion of Black women](#) were more likely to lose obstetric services than other rural counties.

Disparities in birth outcomes for moms and babies in [Chatham County are worse than the U.S. and N.C.](#)

Since it opened [nearly 80% of the women who delivered](#) at the UNC Chatham Hospital MCC were women of color.

The decision to close the Maternity Care Center after less than 3 years of operation will have [widespread impacts on the community](#).

The UNC Chatham Hospital Maternity Care Center does not need to close, it is a choice.

WHAT WE WANT

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We call on UNC Health and Chatham Hospital leadership to honor the values proposition they made to the community and ask that they make a public commitment to invest in the success of the UNC Chatham Hospital MCC for a minimum of three more years.