



Hakima Tafunzi Payne

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Perinatal Health Inequities and Obstetrical Racism

Hakima Tafunzi Payne, known to her community as Mama Hakima, is the founder, and Executive Director of Uzazi Village, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating health outcome disparities in maternal and infant health in African-American communities.

She holds a Bachelors in Nursing and a Masters in Nursing Education.

Ms. Payne is the creator of the **Sister Doula Program** (a community-based home visiting community health worker program for pregnant individuals), **Chocolate Milk Café**, (a breastfeeding support group for Black families), the **Village Circle**, an Afro-centric group prenatal care model, and **Culturally Congruent Care** (an anti-racist medical education curriculum).

She sits on her local Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board (FIMR) to address Black infant mortality and has been appointed by her city's mayor to serve as a Health Commissioner.

She is a certified trainer for Community Health Workers, and speaks nationally on the topics of Black maternal and infant health.

Ms. Payne works tirelessly to make birth safer, the village healthier, and to promote anti-racist care models for Black and African-American families.

She is the subject of an upcoming documentary, "Sister Doulas."

Ms. Payne resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

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The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off.
- Gloria Steinem



About Uzazi Villiage:

Uzazi Village is a nonprofit organization whose mission is “Centering Black and Brown families in maternal and infant health”.

African-American mothers and their newborns are at much greater risk of illness and death. We work to address the reasons behind that increased risk so that our community can enjoy the good health that others have come to expect.

Through research, systems transformation, advocacy and professional development, we work to eliminate racially-based health disparities related to childbearing.

Our programs include; the Sister Doula Program, Chocolate Milk Cafe, and the Village Circle prenatal care model, and the Lactation Consultant Mentorship Program.

We are located at 4232 Troost Ave. KCMO 64110.

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