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Inas Mahdi, MPH is the Vice President of Training, Practice and Evaluation at the National Birth Equity Collaborative (NBEC) where she oversees anti-racism systems training, system assessment and organizational change centered on the needs of Black birthing populations.

Ms. Mahdi has over 19 years of public health experience, working in various capacities focused on STI/HIV prevention among African American youth, intimate partner violence prevention and fatality reviews, and improving safe birth and preventing sexual violence.

Ms. Mahdi holds a MPH in Epidemiology and Global Health from The University of Alabama at Birmingham and is currently a 3rd year doctoral student (DrPh) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health within the Health Equity and Social Justice program researching interventions to address racial and sexual trauma with Black birthing people.

Ms. Mahdi also works with Black Mamas Matter Alliance, where she helps expand maternal health research using health equity, human rights, Black feminist-womanist theory, and social epidemiology concepts.

Ms. Mahdi's expertise and perspectives on birth equity and Black maternal health are featured in a number of perinatal health journals, Kotch's Fourth Edition Maternal and Child Health textbook, and in the 2020 Aspen Strategy Group's report on Reversing the U.S. Maternal Mortality Crisis.

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