

Name / Degree(s): Kelly McGlothen-Bell, PhD, RN, IBCLC, FAWHONN

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Special Interests:

As a nurse scientist, Dr. McGlothen-Bell is trained as a qualitative researcher and her research agenda focuses on examining the intersections of policy and programmatic implementation and community impact with the aim of identifying policies that create and/or reinforce intersectional stigma, structural discrimination, and racism contributing to maternal-infant health disparities. Dr. McGlothen-Bell currently serves as a Zero to Three Fellow, exploring evidence-based, community-engaged research strategies to foster resilience, combat stigma, and achieve multisectoral engagement and collective action to improve health outcomes for families at the intersection of substance use disorders and legal system involvement. Most recently, she was selected as a 2023 Fellow for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics, and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN). Dr. McGlothen-Bell's work is dedicated to the protection and promotion of respectful maternity care and health equity for all families through advocacy, education, practice, and research.