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**Jennie Joseph, LM, CPM**

Jennie Joseph, one of TIME Magazine's Inaugural Women of the Year, is a British-trained midwife, created The JJ Way®, which is an evidence-based, maternity care model delivering readily accessible, patient-centered, culturally congruent care to women in areas that she terms 'materno-toxic zones'. She is the founder of Commonsense Childbirth Inc. which operates a training institute, health clinics, and a birthing

center in Orlando, Florida, and is also the creator of the National Perinatal Task Force, a grassroots organization whose mission is the elimination of racial disparities in maternal-child health in the USA.

**Karen A. Scott, MD, MPH, FACOG**

Dr. Karen A. Scott, MD, MPH, FACOG (she/her), is the Chief Black Feminist Physician Scientist, Founding CEO, and Owner of Birthing Cultural Rigor, LLC, with more than 25 years of advocating for the dignity and sanctity of Black women and girls. She is an improvement and implementation scientist, activist, teacher, and mentor grounded in a Black feminist-reproductive justice praxis with formal training and experience as community-based OBGYN physician and applied epidemiologist. During the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Dr. Scott launched a national study called SACRED Birth to validate a novel survey instrument designed by Dr. Scott that examines Safety, Autonomy, Communication, Racism, Empathy, and Dignity during childbirth hospitalization.



**Kimberly Seals Allers**

Kimberly Seals Allers is an award-winning journalist, five-time author, international speaker, femtech founder and advocate for maternal and infant health. Kimberly is a leading voice on the socio-cultural and racial complexities of birth, breastfeeding and motherhood and has leveraged her decades of experience as a business journalist, her passion for mothering and her vision for using technology to amplify

community voices to create the Irth (as in Birth, but we dropped the B for bias) app. She is also the creator and co-founder of Black Breastfeeding Week, an annual awareness week that has grown to international recognition and executive director of Narrative Nation, Inc. a non-profit that co-creates culturally relevant media and technologies.

**Kenn Harris**

Kenn Harris has almost 30 years of experience working on a national initiative for maternal and child health, community engagement and infant mortality. Since 1991 he has been a part of Healthy Start, a community-based federal program seeking to eliminate disparities in infant mortality and perinatal outcomes by working in communities across the country to improve systems of community care. He started his work in Boston at the Boston Healthy Start Initiative, then spent 20 years directing the New Haven Healthy Start program at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven in New Haven, Connecticut. Kenn is a national expert and facilitator on topics including community engagement, fatherhood, racism and equity. He is a researcher and national advisor on men's health.



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