



Family Voices United to End Racism against CYSHCN and Their Families (FamU)

Black History 365

April: April is National Minority Health Month, an annual observance to build awareness about the health disparities that persist for racial and ethnic minorities and encourages everyone to take action to end these inequities. [Get involved.](#)



Readings

National Autism Acceptance Month

April is Autism Acceptance Month, celebrating the contributions and diversity within the autism community. Learn how African Americans are creating change in autism research with [A Patient-Centered Autism Research Agenda to Engage the African American Autism Community](#).

Black Maternal Health

Black Maternal Health Week is April 11-17. This is a week of awareness, activism, and community-building aimed at amplifying the voices of Black Mamas, bringing visibility to Black-led maternal health initiatives, and centering the values and traditions of the reproductive and birth justice movements. Learn more at the [Black Mamas Matter Alliance](#).

Henrietta Lacks' maternal health challenges led to one of the most important discoveries in medical science. Her cells were used without her knowledge or compensation, raising complex ethical questions that are still discussed today. [Read about her journey.](#)

FUN FACT

April 11, 1881: Spelman College, a liberal arts college for women in Atlanta, Georgia, was founded as a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). [Learn more about HBCUs](#)



Multimedia

- [Supporting Black Autistic Girls in the Transition to Adult Health Care](#) is a toolkit by Family Voices for families and providers.
- [5 Podcasts on Black Maternal Health](#)
- [TEDx TALK: Racism and Maternal Health](#)



TV / Videos / Streaming

- [The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#) (released April 2017)
- [Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine](#) (Dr. Uché Blackstock)
- [Nina](#) is a biopic about Nina Simone. Learn more about [Nina Simone](#).



Jams

- [Mississippi Goddam](#) (Nina Simone)
- [God Bless the Child](#) (Billie Holiday - born April 5, 1917)
- [Golden](#) (Jill Scott - born April 4, 1972)

