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### Founder and President, National Birth Equity Collaborative

Dr. Crear-Perry is a physician, policy expert, thought leader, and advocate for transformational justice who identifies and challenges racism as a root cause of health inequities.

She is a highly sought-after trainer and speaker who has been featured in national and international publications, including *Essence* and *Ms.* magazines. She has twice addressed the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to urge a human rights framework to improve maternal mortality. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Birthing Project USA, Director of Women's and Children's Services at Jefferson Community Health Care Centers, and Director of Clinical Services for the New Orleans Health Department.



A proud recipient of the Congressional Black Caucus Healthcare Heroes award, Dr. Crear-Perry currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Community Catalyst, the National Medical Association, and the New Orleans African American Museum.

Dr. Crear-Perry completed her medical degree at Louisiana State University and her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Tulane University School of Medicine. She was also recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.