

Maternal Health & Community Expo to Bring Critical Resources and Support to Families in Early County

Pillars Initiative, in partnership with the **Center for Maternal Substance Abuse and Child Development (MSACD)** at Emory University and the **Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)**, is proud to present the **Maternal Health & Community Expo: Planting Seeds of Health, Hope & Healing** on **Friday, June 28, 2025** at Kolomoki Mounds State Park in Early County.

This free, community-centered event will run from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** and is designed to address urgent maternal, women's, and family health concerns—particularly in rural and underserved regions. With Early County identified as both a maternal health desert and a priority prevention area, the expo will provide essential tools, education, and connection for local families.

“Our goal is to create an experience where mothers, caregivers, and community members feel seen, supported, and equipped,” said **Tiffany Cuthbert**, Founder and Executive Director of Pillars Initiative. “We want to ensure every attendee walks away with not only resources, but real connection.”

Event Highlights Include:

- **Expert presentations** by Emory University/MSACD and Pillars Initiative
- **Panel discussion** featuring doulas, healthcare providers, and maternal advocates
- **Substance misuse prevention education**, including Narcan training and 988 crisis resource awareness
- **Self-care experiences**, such as mini facials, skincare demos, and community wellness takeaways
- **Resource bags** and light refreshments for attendees

This event is part of Georgia's State Opioid Response (SOR) initiative, designed to reduce opioid-related harm and improve access to behavioral health education and prevention services. The Maternal Health & Community Expo is a direct response to the need for inclusive, localized support that uplifts maternal voices and expands access to trusted care.

Admission is free, but registration is required.

Register at <https://connectinggeorgia.org/early/>. Parking is free, and the event is open to adults 18 and over

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