



# **Racism, Maternal Health Inequities & Housing**

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“Of all the forms of inequality, **injustice in healthcare** is the most shocking and inhumane”

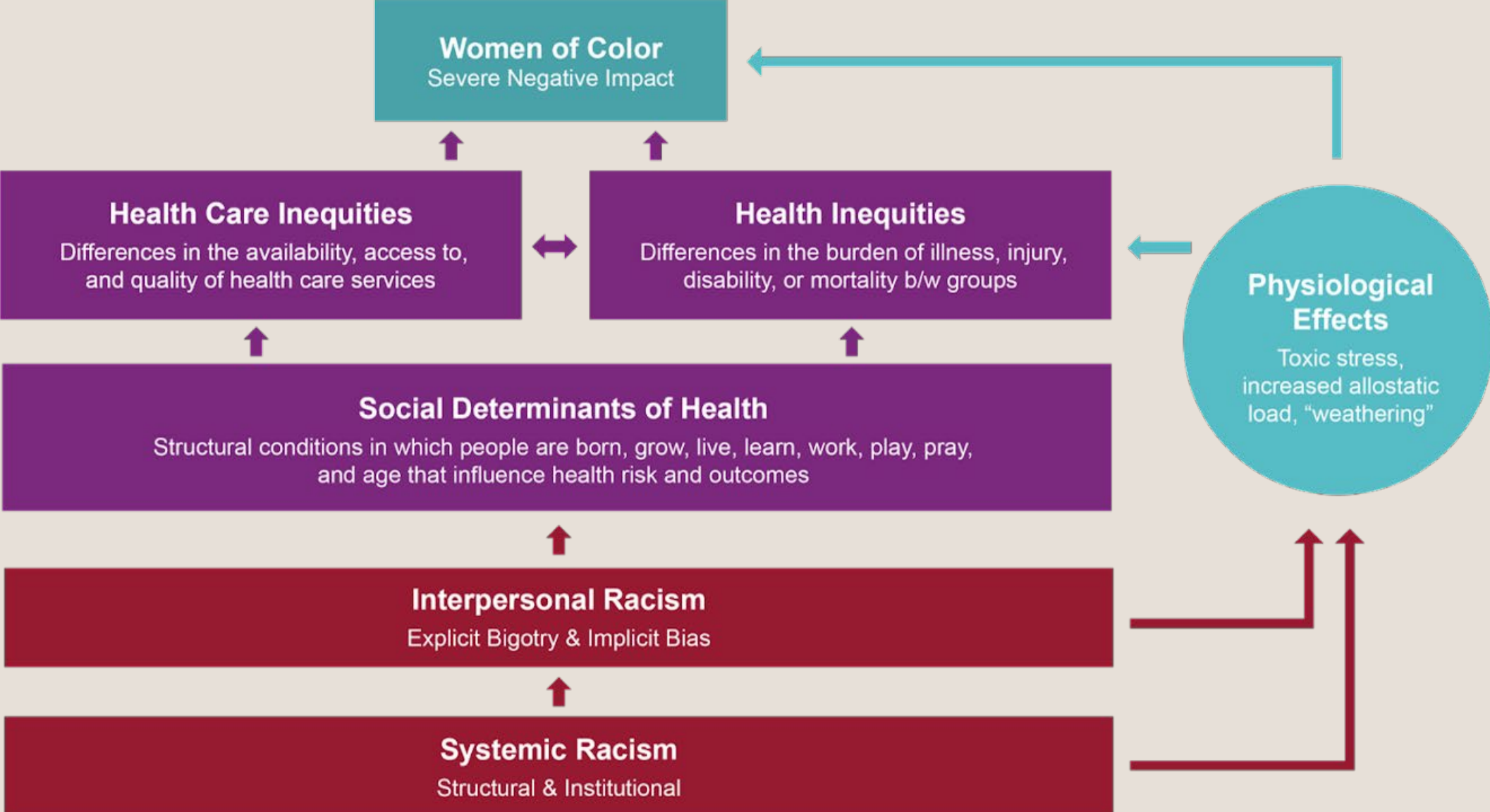
*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# Structural racism burdens quality maternal care



- The maternity care system often **fails** to provide equitable, safe, and affordable care.
- It fails communities—Black, LatinX, Indigenous, Pacific Islanders and Asians, those with low incomes and in rural areas—who are faced with the **burden of structural racism** and other **forms of inequity**.

# Racism's Impact on the Health of Women of Color



# Saving the Lives of Moms and Babies: Addressing Racism & Socioeconomic Influencers



**Racism, not race, is  
the root cause of  
maternal health  
disparities**

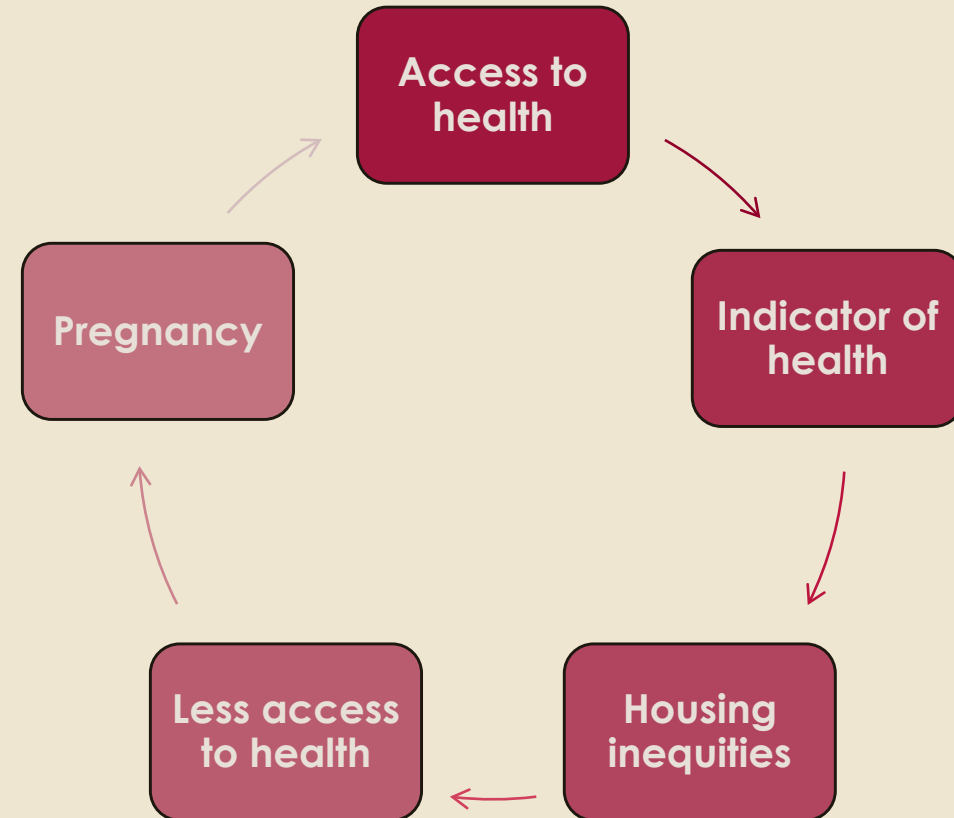
# Housing Instability & Homelessness: A Structural and Systemic Issue



- **1 in 5:** people who experience homelessness in year prior gave birth to an infant with low birth weight
- **50% increase in risk**

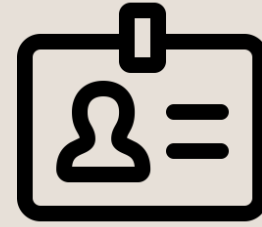
# Birthing People, Housing Instability & Homelessness

- **Gender heavily influences housing access, stability, and opportunity**





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