

LEGISLATION

WISCONSIN ACT 292

The Unborn Child Protection Act (Act 292), also known as Wisconsin's "cocaine mom law", was passed into state legislature in June 1998. The law allows for pregnant individuals with a past or present history of drug use to be accused of child abuse, and the state of Wisconsin can appoint a lawyer for the embryo/fetus while the pregnant person does not have the same right to a lawyer. Though ruled unconstitutional in 2017, it remains in effect today. Learn more at www.reproaction.org.

MOMNIBUS ACT

The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021 builds on existing legislation in order to address the gaps leading to the maternal health crisis in America. This multifaceted bill takes aim at mental health, incarceration rates, COVID-19 vaccines and care, climate change related risks, and others. Read about the full bill and learn how you get can involved at <https://blackmaternalhealthcaucus-underwood.house.gov/Momnibus>.

FURTHER INFORMATION

We recognize that this exhibit may be overwhelming and disorienting – that is intentional. The barriers presented are just a part of the story, and we invite you to continue to think on the issues presented in Mapping Reproductive (In)Justice. You can revisit the entire slideshow here:

<http://www.marianovotny.com/mapping-reproductive-injustice/>.

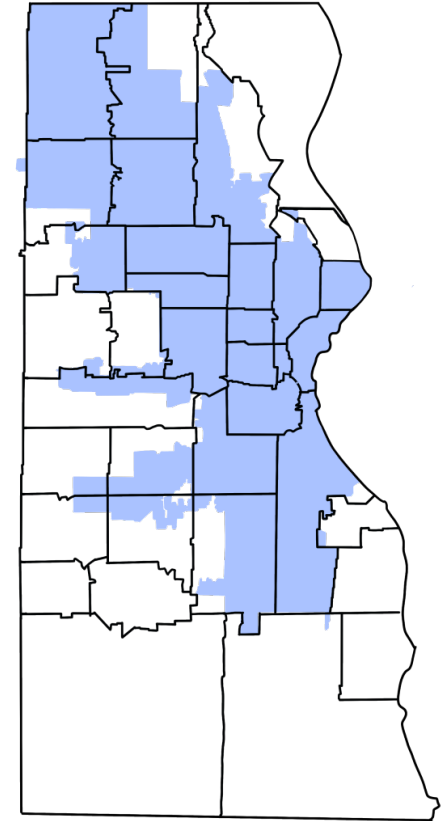
Additionally, you may reach out to the curators at any time if you would like to discuss this project further.

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Mapping Reproductive (In)Justice

Further Reflections
and Resources

ORGANIZATIONS

While the story presented is bleak, there are many organizations in Milwaukee committed to working to improve the different facets that are represented under reproductive justice. Some of those organizations are:

Maroon Calabash

www.marooncalabash.com

The HaRUNbee 5k

www.harunbee.com

Shades of You, Shades of Me

<https://www.soysom.com>

Alice's Garden Urban Farm

www.alicesgardenmke.com

Wisconsin Women's Network

<https://wiwomensnetwork.org>

Prism Birth Services

<https://www.prismbirth.com>

BOMB Doula Program

doulas@milwaukee.gov

Coalition for Children, Youth, & Families

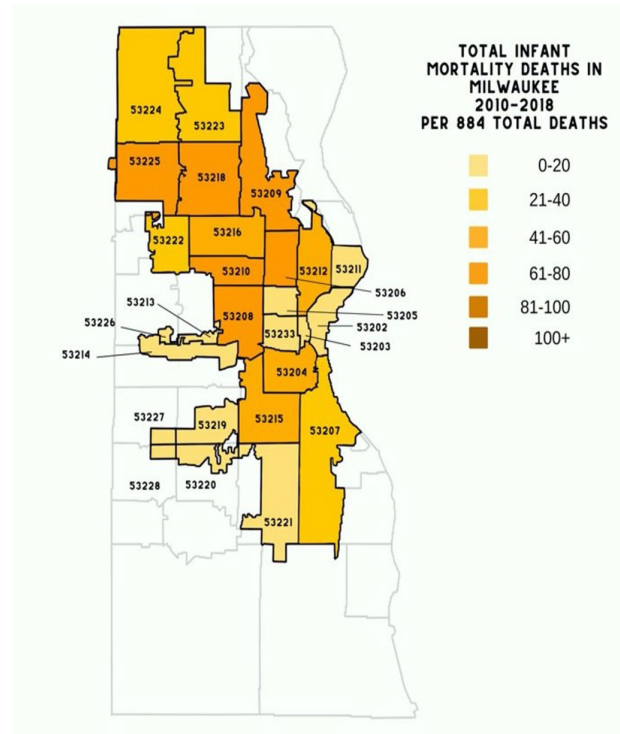
info@wiadopt.org

Planned Parenthood

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>

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SisterSong.org defines reproductive justice as the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities.



REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

The following are some questions to get you thinking about your place in the reproductive justice conversation:

- Reproductive healthcare is directly tied to mental, emotional, and physical care. What parts of the city do you travel to receive reproductive care?
- Which reproductive health resources do you know of that are advocating for reproductive justice in Milwaukee?
- Take a moment to think about a significant experience you've had involving reproductive health and/or reproductive choice. This might be a major event, decision, or turning point. Where were you when you made that decision?
- Reproductive justice demands reproductive safety. Is there a place in Milwaukee you feel particularly safe as a reproductive body? A place that feels less safe?
- Have you confronted any persons in the city that have encouraged hostility to reproductive care? If so, how could that situation have gone differently?