Women of Color - By the Numbers

- 1 - 5 people in the US is a Woman of Color comprising 20.39% of the population in 2021 an increase from 18.4% in 2010.
- The labor force is comprised of 9.4% Black, 26.4% Hispanic and 2.9% White women.
- 79% of Women of Color reported having to alter their appearance or demeanor to fit in at work.
- Women of Color are overrepresented in frontline roles: 28.8% in the hospitality and leisure sector, 31.9% working in retail trade, 19.8% in the manufacturing industry.
- Women of Color have the highest rates unemployment but, in the US 17% of Black women are in the process of starting a new business!

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What is the Debt Ceiling?
It is the limit on how much debt the U.S. government can have. It’s a lot like a credit card limit (shudder) where you’ve only been approved for a certain amount of debt. The American government’s spending cap is set by Congress. So it takes a vote by Congress and a passed law before the debt ceiling can be raised. And why does the government even have to borrow money anyway? Turns out, the money that the government brings in from taxes alone isn’t enough to cover everything. To make up the difference and be able to pay the current bills, the government uses debt. As of Apr 2023, the national debt clocked in at close to $31.5 trillion!
• Due to systemic and overt discrimination, Black people are disproportionately affected by high maternal and infant morbidities and mortality.
• Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women.
• Black people fared worse than other racial and ethnic groups in all maternal health indicators measured.
• Black women are more likely to have preterm births and have low birthweight babies compared to other racial/ethnic groups.
• Black women experience higher rates of preventable and chronic disease including diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease.
• Black women are three times more likely to have fibroids (benign tumors that grow in the uterus and cause postpartum hemorrhage) than white women.
• Black women display signs of preeclampsia earlier than white women.
• Black infants are twice as likely to die as White infants, and
• Black people are more likely to die while pregnant or within a year of giving birth compared to all other groups.

For more info and locating Black Birth Workers:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsDkoNfO7Mk
https://www.blackdoulas.org/
https://www.sistamidwifedirectory.com/locations

SiS’s of the Month
Palm Beach County
From the time we met our organizer-Pastor Deanna Smith and our fearless leader- Florida State Convener Salandra Benton - the Palm Beach County BWR had gained so much more wisdom, knowledge and understanding about issues about Sisterhood, our Health, Childcare, Voter’s Education and Rights to Vote and many other topics that pertain to the Total Woman and our families. Kingdom Blessings!
Apostle/Pastor Teresa Nelson
Pictured: Isabelle McDonald, Jeanette Francis and Teresa Nelson
Palm Beach County BWR Members: Leresha Nelson, Miriam Nelson, Mary Price, Retha Palmer, Helen Barnes, Regina Butler, Karen Payne, Bridget Wilburn, Denise Clark, Charlene Nelson, Cynthia Smith, Zella Mae Ross and Quinette Lawery.

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She Said, "Anytime you get more than a couple of Black women together, you’re creating this powerful mechanism for change".—Kimberly Bryant

Remembering our Sister
Francesca Martinez
Duval County BWR

The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you, shall never pass away

Table Talk
"Bans off our Books" Read-In
AATB and the Lake Black Women's Roundtable is joining in the African American Policy Forum's "Freedom to Read," National Day of Action by holding a "Bans Off Our Books" Read-In on May 3rd. The event focuses on recent Florida legislation that restricts the freedom to learn, fights the "anti-woke" disinformation campaigns, and demonstrates support for equity in our schools, campuses, and workplaces. The Mt. Dora city mayor, local educators, students, librarians and civic organizations will participate and stand in solidarity. Every student deserves to see themselves represented as successful, thriving, accepted, celebrated, and loved on the pages of books, in all forms of art, in music, in leadership roles and in schools.