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- Dr. Courtney Pedersen (Community Partner: Santa Clara County Public Health Department)
- Dr. Navika Shukla
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- Dr. Sanjana Deo (Principal Investigator)
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- Dr. David Schramm

The network has successfully engaged over 50 institutions in the state of California in evidence-based perinatal and maternal health research. The network is looking forward to continuing their work in the upcoming year.

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