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Claudia Zaugg is a Project Manager for ANSIRH’s Health Department Engagement on Abortion project. Claudia is passionate about translating research into practice and building the capacity of public health practitioners to advance health equity. Prior to ANSIRH, she worked at the Best Babies Zone Initiative where she supported organizations in advancing a community-driven, multi-sector model to reducing racial inequities in birth outcomes. Claudia also brings experience in direct service, grant writing, program evaluation, and research to the ANSIRH team. Claudia received her MPH from UC Berkeley and her BA in Biology from Pomona College.

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Research projects and studies

Public Health Approaches to Abortion Project. The Public Health Approaches to Abortion project is a series of projects that aim to ground the public and policy debate about abortion regulation and access in scientific evidence and public health principles. Collectively, these projects serve to re-center scientific evidence and public health professional expertise in discussions of abortion patient safety and health department engagement with abortion.

Health Department Engagement on Abortion. Health Department Engagement on Abortion aims to engage public health professionals working inside and outside of health departments in defining the abortion-related public health services health departments should provide. Through this project, researchers have proposed how health departments should engage with abortion care, identifies the type of work around abortion currently being undertaken by health departments, and engages with public health professionals to understand their processes, challenges, and opportunities in facilitating abortion-access and assuring the quality of abortion care.

Evidence-Informed Facility Standards. Evidence-Informed Facility Standards explores what evidence-informed facility standards would look like in the context of abortion. Specifically, researchers: describe the existing evidence-base related to general standards for freestanding outpatient facilities that perform procedures; conduct new research to begin building an evidence-base related to facility standards in the context of abortion; and describe how facility standards are established in other contexts, where abortion-related political influences are not present.