



The American College of Nurse-Midwives Consults on New Birth Documentary:  
*The Mama Sherpas, Midwives Across America*

ACNM is pleased to announce that we have consulted with documentary film director Brigid Maher (*Veiled Voices*), Associate Professor with the School of Communication at American University on a magnificent, new film: [\*The Mama Sherpas, Midwives Across America\*](#). We are also honored to learn that Ricki Lake and Abby Epstein (*The Business of Being Born*) have joined as executive producers on this groundbreaking birth documentary.

The film provides a look into the collaborative practice between midwives and doctors in the hospital, and the changing perception of birth nationwide with the rise of cesarean sections. The documentary focuses on how midwives across the country work within the hospital system to improve birth outcomes for moms and babies.

*The Mama Sherpas* will premiere on May 27th in Los Angeles, followed by regional, video-on-demand, and DVD releases with distribution by Bond/360. To read Bond's full announcement, including how to request a screening in your community, click [here](#).

We are also pleased to announce that ACNM has honored Brigid with the Media Award to be given out at our [60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#) in June. *The Mama Sherpas* will be shown twice during the meeting. The days and times will be listed in the Annual Meeting's Final Program which will be available in June. Brigid and the midwives who participated in the documentary will be present to answer any questions and get your feedback after the film's screenings.

We are excited to consult and collaborate with Brigid and Bond/360 on this important project. We look forward to the Los Angeles premiere in May and the movie showings at our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Exhibition! Please join us at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in [National Harbor, MD](#) in June as we celebrate the release of this important film.

Join the conversation on our social media channels as we spread the word about *The Mama Sherpas*! You can find ACNM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#), and [YouTube](#)!