

# ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN OHIO***

## **Nurse-Midwifery in Ohio**

- Ohio Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing since 1970, when Community Hospital in Springfield opened their midwifery service.
- Ohio CNMs practice in a variety of settings including private practices, hospitals, university medical centers, birth centers, home birth practices, family planning clinics, schools of nursing, state and local health departments, and an Air Force base.

## **Statistics**

- There are over 300 CNMs in Ohio who hold a Certificate of Authority to practice, as issued by the state Board of Nursing.
- There are over 214 nurse-midwifery practice sites in Ohio.\*
- In 2004, CNMs delivered 10,107 babies, which is 9.4% of the babies delivered in Ohio for that year.

## **Education**

- There are currently 43 accredited education programs in the United States offering post-baccalaureate certificate and masters degree programs in nurse-midwifery and midwifery. A number of these programs have distance learning education options.
- Ohio's graduate nurse-midwifery programs are located at Ohio State University in Columbus, at the University of Cincinnati and at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

## **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Nurse-midwifery practice is governed by the Ohio Board of Nursing.
- Nurse-midwives are required to have a written Standard Care Arrangement with their collaborating physicians.
- Nurse-midwives who hold a masters degree and meet other qualifications may apply for prescriptive privileges.
- Nurse-midwives must maintain current certification through the American Midwifery Certification Board.
- A bill is pending in the Ohio state legislature which would permit Advanced Practice Nurses to admit their own patients to the hospital.

This information was provided by the midwives of Ohio.

\*Number may be underestimation given that source only includes ACNM member self-reported info.

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