

Do you believe all childbearing women should have access to midwifery care in the home, birth centers and hospitals? Do you believe all midwives should be fairly compensated for their services? Do you want to get the latest scoop on national health care reform and what it could mean for midwifery? Are you ready to join a network of midwifery activists – organized, well-informed, and engaged in state and national action to achieve these goals?

Then you'll want to attend this exciting workshop!

Midwives and the "Health Care for All" Movement: Let's Seize the Opportunity to Transform Maternity Care for ALL Women

Thursday, October 18, 2007

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$80

Sponsored by the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives

(<http://nacpm.org/>), this one-day workshop will be full of information and ideas, exciting examples, useful materials, and skill-building activities to help you be a more effective advocate for midwifery. You will get hands-on experience examining specific state and national legislation that could impact women's access to midwifery care and/or your ability to work as a midwife. You will learn how to participate in "health care for all" coalitions or strengthen your own organization to promote midwifery and health care reform. You'll hear what policy-makers are saying about midwifery and how you can influence their decisions!

"Wow! I got a preview of this workshop; and in just one hour with Becky and Jo Anne, I learned so much more about how I can get involved in health care reform – and I've been a midwifery advocate for 25 years! I can't wait to get together with other activists in this forum where we can share ideas and develop a national strategy for midwifery action."~(Suzy Myers, CPM, LM, MPH, NACPM Treasurer and Washington Midwife)

Workshop facilitators:

Becky Martin is Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Universal Health Care Action Network. She is an expert in networking and coalition-building among diverse health care activists, trade unions, business leaders, community organizations, and health care professionals. Her national work builds on 20 years of experience as a grassroots activist that began when she organized Florida Friends of Midwives in 1987 to advocate for midwifery legislation.

Jo Anne Myers-Ciecko has taught courses and workshops in professional midwifery issues for more than 25 years. Her first act as a midwifery advocate was to organize a Friends of Midwifery group in Washington State in 1981. In the 1990s, when comprehensive health reform was attempted in her state, she identified threats and opportunities in the legislation, trained activists, and masterminded a coordinated response that led to an increase in access to midwifery care.

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<http://www.mana.org/>