
Time to Transfer

Integrating Community Based Midwife Transfers
An Idaho Effort

Hi! I'm Kathy.

- Certified Nurse Midwife
- 31 years of midwifery experience, across Wyoming and Idaho, North Carolina, Montana,
- Passionate about supporting families in safely bringing their babies into the world
- Committed to the families of Idaho and beyond!
- Excited about how Idaho can set an example for rural geographies across the country



Today we will cover a few things

1. Baseline the state of midwifery in Idaho and our counties
1. Outline the critical partnership between at-home and hospital birthing teams
1. Talk about opportunities to enhance safety while expanding access to great care across our county and state

2014 Home Birth Consensus Summit

MY GUIDE

- ❖ Interprofessional Collaboration & Communication
- ❖ Interprofessional Education
- ❖ Research, Data Collection, & Knowledge Translation

Idaho Today - Midwifery in our State

Community Midwives Licensed in Ada & Canyon County

- ❖ 25 licensed
- ❖ 230 licensed in Idaho

Birth Centers

Momma Inc. (BRB)

Nampa Midwifery

Hillside Midwifery

New Beginnings

Family Tree

TVM

Sage Midwifery

Idaho Today: Idaho Legislature Midwifery Statutes

Rules of the Idaho Board of Midwifery

- ❖ Newborn Consultation
- ❖ Newborn Hospital Transfer
- ❖ Maternal Hospital Transfer
- ❖ Title 54
- ❖ Chapter 55
- ❖ Midwifery Section 54-5505

Midwifery Spans a Variety of Capacities

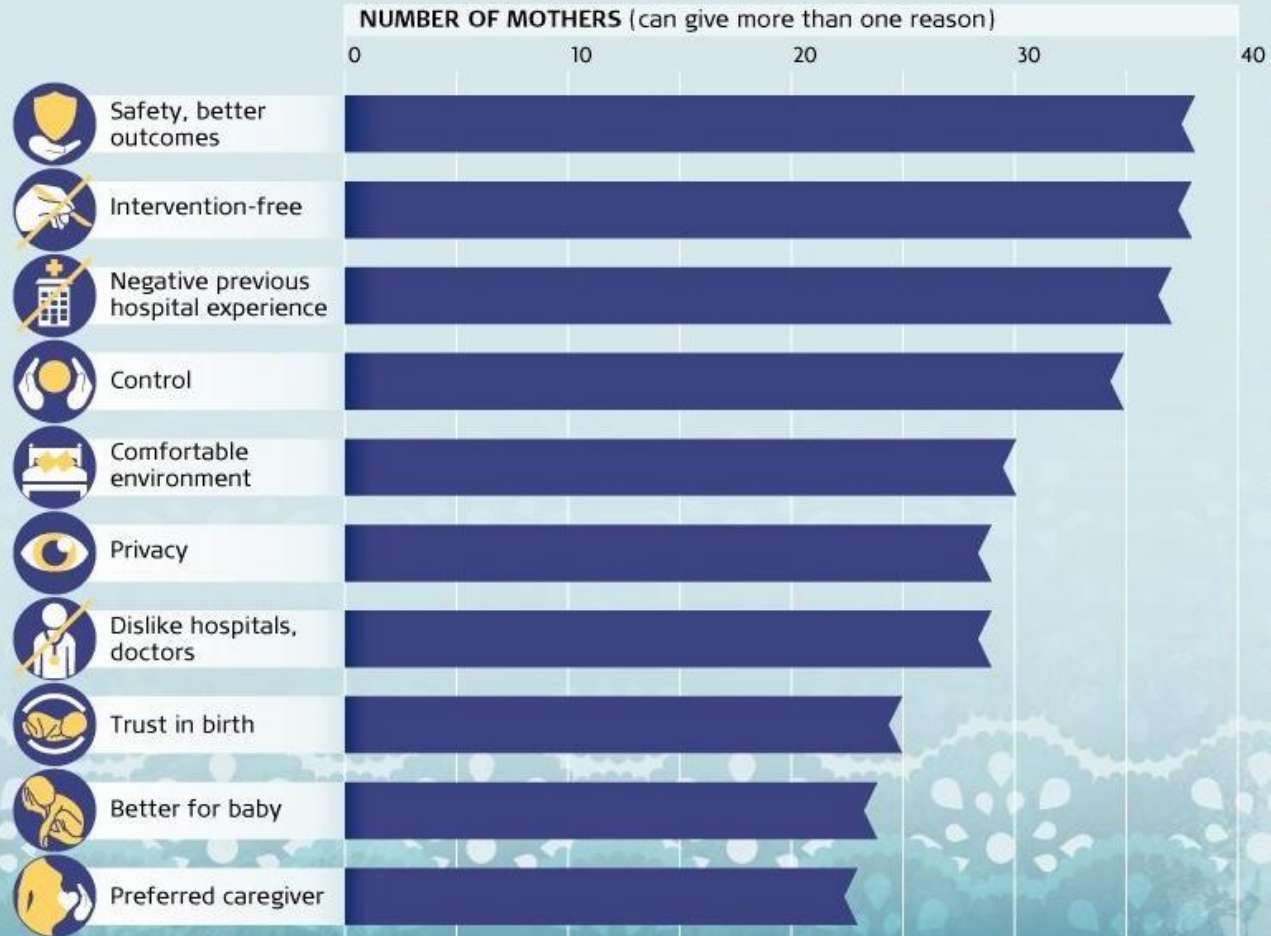
Our focus today

**Prenatal Health &
Support**

Childbirth

Postpartum Care

REASONS GIVEN FOR CHOOSING HOME BIRTH



Citation

Safe childbirth occasionally requires strong collaboration between midwifery & hospital teams

- ❖ Transfers in 2022 to Nampa SLHS from home birth or birth center setting ?
- ❖ Midwife attended out of hospital births in Ada & Canyon County in '22 is 14% of total Midwife attended births
- ❖ At this moment no tool is used to track transfers, other than the individual midwife practice data collection
- ❖ Estimated Transfer Rate of Nulliparous Women approximately **30%**
- ❖ Estimated Transfer Rate of Multiparous Women approximately **7%**

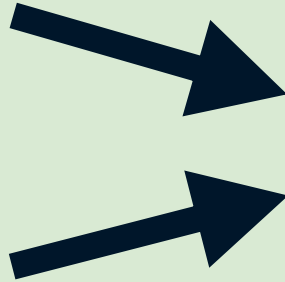
Smooth Transitions supports safe childbirth across the midwifery to hospital spectrum through education & data sharing



Smooth Transitions Program creates structure and support for clinicians

- ❖ Host a smooth Transitions Presentation
- ❖ Identify Clinician Champions
- ❖ Develop Transfer Protocols and Tools
- ❖ Form a Perinatal Transfer Committee (PTC)
- ❖ Meet Regularly/Interaction
- ❖ Collect Data and Publish Research
- ❖ Multidisciplinary Protected Reviews

MFM Transfer Line



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Clear Transfer Protocols - Initiated by Midwife and SLHS OB Hospitalist - lead to successful outcomes

- ❖ Communication with team prior to arrival
- ❖ Review with team of SBAR
- ❖ Communication with bedside RN assigned to client re: SBAR
- ❖ Preparation Preparation Preparation
- ❖ Transport most often by client automobile, and rarely by ambulance
- ❖ Arrival to hospital, Admission, CNM or OB hospitalist receives client, reviews records
- ❖ Followed by a **“Pause”**



Transportation from Home or Birth Center to Hospital



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It is critical to have the family + birth team (midwife + hospitalists) aligned on the Plan of Care

- ❖ Shared Decision Making
- ❖ Informed Consent
- ❖ Communication of plan of care at regular intervals, and follow through with respectful and transparent presence
- ❖ All interventions associated with risks and benefits discussed, questions answered, and again communication of plan of care at regular intervals
- ❖ Documentation of conversations

Transfer from Hospital back to Midwife

Hospital Discharge and the return to [exclusive] midwife care is a critical handoff

- ❖ SBAR to midwife with a telephone call from discharging provider
- ❖ Records for Mom and newborn to midwife practice at discharge
- ❖ Communication to newbornist of return of care to midwife practice
- ❖ Closure discussion at discharge with client, offer space and time to ask questions, review care, address concerns

The transfer protocol has been successfully executed by key early adopters

Hospital

Saltzer Health

OGA MD's

SLHS Nampa FBC Staff

SLHS Anesthesia

SLHS Nampa NNP's

Full Circle Health Resident MD's

SHLS Newbornists

Midwife

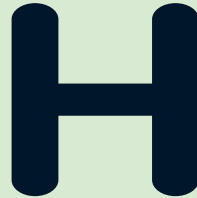
Introductions

Name Tags

Tours

Doulas, Midwife Students

Our experience to date has show the criticality of the PAUSE in the Transfer Process



Looking Ahead

- ❖ Expanded awareness regarding possibility for successful collaboration between and across home- and hospital-births
- ❖ Continued training and education for midwives and hospital staff regarding safe transfer protocols
- ❖ Data Collection tools
- ❖ Unrelenting focus on supporting expecting mothers and families through this exciting time of life

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Transfer by car to SLHS Nampa CNM/MD care




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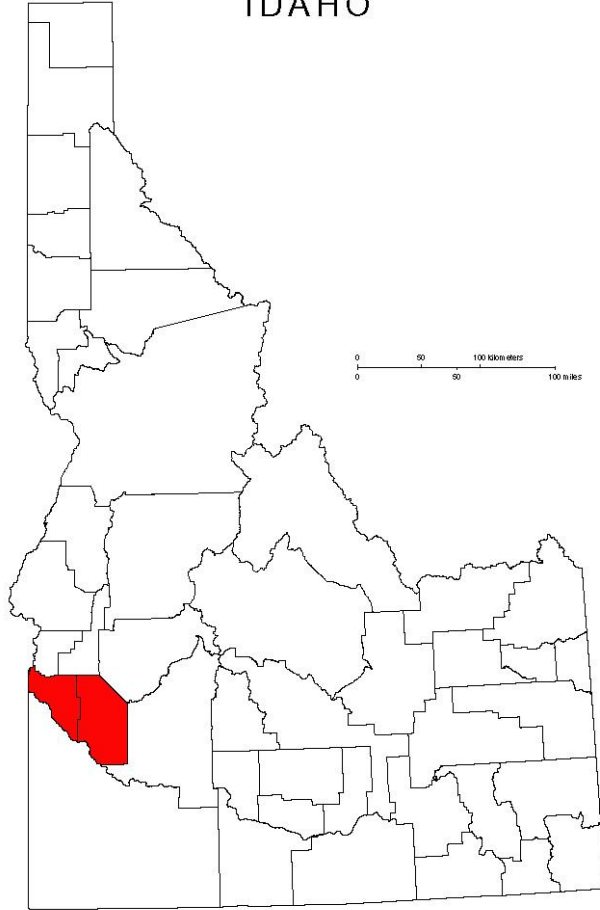


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