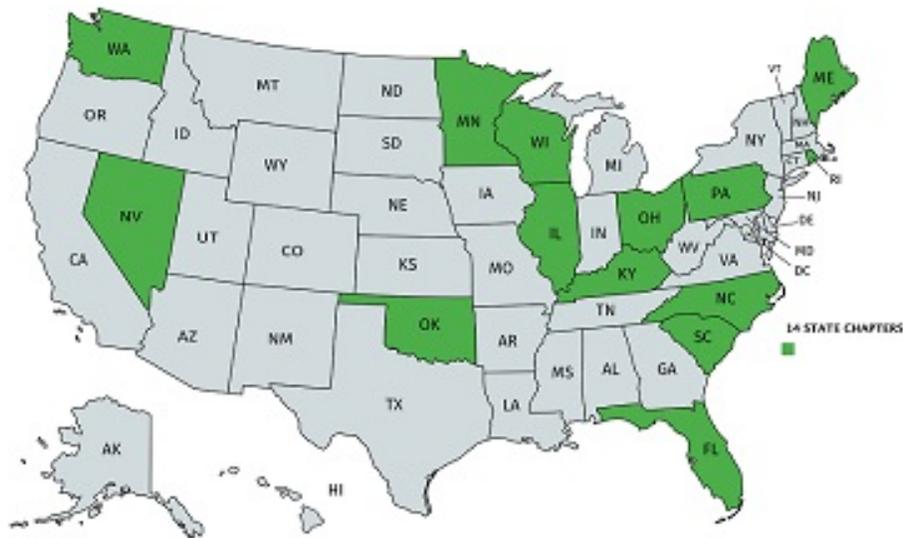


Chapter Growth

The NACPM State Chapter Program was launched with a vision for building the CPM profession and supporting midwives through a network connecting their local communities to the broader state and national context and vice versa. We know that we are stronger together, and as the Chapter Program continues to grow, we are seeing just how great an impact these collaborations can have.

We now have 14 fully formed chapters in North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Maine, Wisconsin, Washington, Nevada, Florida, Rhode Island, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and several more are in formation. Read below for chapter highlights including chapter leadership training plans, policy work in Minnesota, professional development in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida, and relationship-building in Kentucky. As always, please contact us at chapters@nacpm.org if you'd like to join!



Chapter Collaboration Calls and Leadership Training

Our quarterly collaboration calls continue to provide an open platform for information-sharing, community-building, and mutual support of one another, and we are excited to introduce a new layer of leadership training to these calls with our **first chapter-specific equity and anti-racism collaboration call in September**. This conversation will build on NACPM's [Equity, Race, and Access to Midwifery Care webinar series](#) and will support our chapter leaders and members in creating self-aware, intentionally equitable organizations aligned with NACPM's expressed commitment to "work on ourselves and the systems we impact to remove personal and institutional racism and discrimination."

NACPM [Leadership Team](#) member, Keisha Goode, will lead us in a discussion on systemic racism and the powerful role that state midwifery leaders play in shifting the equity equation. In preparation, we will be asking that Chapter leaders and members watch the four webinars in the [Equity, Race, and Access to Midwifery Care series](#), if they have not done so already.



Keisha Goode, PhD

Keisha Goode, PhD is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology at The State University of New York College at Old Westbury. She also coordinates a U.S. Department of Education funded program called Research Aligned Mentorship focused on improving retention and the overall student experience through research opportunities, faculty mentorship and customized learning. She has a Ph.D. in Sociology from The City University of New York Graduate Center, a M.A. in Women's Studies from The George Washington University and a B.A. in English from The University of Maryland, College Park. Her primary research area is Medical Sociology with specific attention to the medicalization of childbirth and the historical and contemporary complexities of black midwifery in the United States. Other research areas include Sociology of Education and an emerging interest in Sociology of Media. Her work is grounded in sociological and feminist theory. She is completing a book prospectus for the publication of her dissertation research, *Birthing, Blackness and The Body: Black Midwives and Experiential Continuities of Institutional Racism*.

Kentucky Chapter Launch

Jennifer West (Kentucky Chapter Secretary & Treasurer and student midwife) reports on the Kentucky Chapter launch picnic. These casual opportunities for personal connection and professional networking are vital building blocks for growing the

profession.

"The Kentucky Chapter of NACPM held a chapter launch picnic and meeting on July 15th in Lexington, KY. There were approximately 40 people in attendance, including midwives, students, family members, and friends. An auction was also held and the chapter was able to raise \$131. Several new members joined NACPM at the picnic.



From left to right: Kentucky Chapter Leaders Joanna Davis, CPM (Vice President), Jennifer West, student midwife (Secretary/Treasurer), Elizabeth Regan, CPM (President)

During the meeting portion of the picnic, the chapter Board Members were introduced and chapter goals were outlined. A member of the Kentucky Home Birth Coalition, a home birth consumer advocacy group, was in attendance to discuss the current status of CPM legislative bills." - Jennifer West

Collaborative Effort Promotes Birth Center Reimbursement

Kate Saumweber Hogan, CPM, LM (Minnesota Chapter President) reports on the MN State Chapter collaboration with the WA State Chapter, MAWS, and NACPM around birth center reimbursement. Stay tuned for more information about birth centers and payment in an upcoming NACPM newsletter!

"I am pleased to report that earlier this month four state level midwifery organizations had an opportunity to work together to respond to a national proposal in regards to birth center reimbursement recommendations. It was really fun to team up, with midwives chiming in from Washington State's MAWS (special thanks to Audrey Levine, Co-President of NACPM and Legislative and Health Policy Chair of MAWS), the WA State NACPM Chapter (special thanks to Katherine Dexter and Jen Segadelli, the President and Vice-President of the Chapter), the MN State NACPM Chapter, and MCCPM (MN Council of CPMs, special thanks to Erika Urban & Rebecca Polston, two CPM/LMs who are also birth center owners, who primarily drafted our response). We were also grateful for the insight provided by Mary Lawlor, executive director of NACPM. Thanks to the NACPM leadership for connecting our organizations as we were working on similar projects in various parts of the country! We look forward to more opportunities like this in the future!"
- Kate Saumweber Hogan, CPM, LM



from left to right: Minnesota Chapter Leaders Rachel Voigt, CPM, LM (Chapter Secretary), Kate Saumweber Hogan, CPM, LM (Chapter President), Erin Kaspar-Frett, CPM, LM (WI), MSM, Amy Johnson-Grass, ND, LN, LM, CPM (Chapter Vice President), Holly Fix, CPM, Jennifer Hall, CPM, LM (Chapter Treasurer & Secretary)

Summer Chapter Events



Florida NACPM in collaboration with the Midwives Association of Florida is hosting a joint Florida midwives conference "**Right Here, Right Now**" in Sarasota, FL from **August 24-26th**.

Keisha Goode, NACPM public board member, will be the keynote speaker, and additional educational sessions include CPR, NRP, IV skills, suturing, Perinatal Mood Disorder, Laws & Rules, Domestic Violence, CPM Fast Track, Medical Errors, Business Management, Birth Justice, Home to Hospital Transfers, HIV updates, Zika Virus, Sentinel Event Reporting, Postdates Management, Decreasing Liability, Profitable Billing. There will also be a Thursday evening **wine and cheese social** hosted by Florida NACPM. For more information email FLNACPM@gmail.com.

The North Carolina and South Carolina Chapters of NACPM will be hosting their second annual joint conference "**Carolina Birth Junkies Summer Island Retreat**" in Rock Hill, SC from **August 25-27th**. Educational sessions include GBS, Arvigo Maya Abdominal Therapy, VBAC, Breastfeeding,



Acupuncture and Acupressure, Domestic Violence, Trauma Healing, and Making Love Last. There will also be several opportunities for yoga, swimming, and general island rest and relaxation. Chapter meetings will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm. For more information visit their website at www.carolinabirthjunkies.com.

Chapter Collaboration Call

Chapter leaders and members, please save the date for our next **Chapter Collaboration Call** on Thursday **September 14th from 1:30-3:00 ET**, and watch your inbox for more information and preparatory materials for our conversation with Keisha Goode about systemic racism and the powerful role that state midwifery leaders play in shifting the equity equation.



If you do not yet have an NACPM Chapter in your state and would like to join these important conversations, please contact Susan Smartt Cook, CPM at chapters@nacpm.org to learn more about the Chapter Program. We would love to hear from you!

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