

## Early Bird Registration Now Open!



### CPM Symposium 2018

May 11-13, 2018  
William F. Bolger Center  
9600 Newbridge Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854

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[CPM Symposium Website](#)

It is with extreme excitement that we announce that early bird registration for the 2018 CPM Symposium is now open! For two and a half days, at the Walter F. Bolger Center, in Potomac Maryland—right outside of our nation’s capital, we will work together to strategize and plan for the future of the CPM profession. We need you to join with us! You don’t want to miss this collaborative, multi-stakeholder planning event that will bring together midwives, childbearing people, students, educators, policy makers, funders, friends of the profession, and other stakeholders, to harness our collective voice to cause change, bridge gaps, and remove the barriers that impede access to midwifery care for all.

## Why Now?

In the intervening years since the first CPM Symposium in 2012, the landscape for both midwives and for people having babies has evolved significantly. In the United States today, there is a critical and urgent need to make the benefits of midwifery care available to all families, regardless of means, in every state and every community. Dynamic new opportunities have emerged in recent years to grow our profession to truly meet the needs of the childbearing population. The time is now for community-wide conversation and planning about how to bring the values of CPM care to bear on meeting the needs of all people having babies.





The convening vision and purpose of the 2018 CPM Symposium is to gain alignment of the CPM and stakeholder community and cause action around what it will take to create a CPM profession able and prepared to meet the evolving needs of the childbearing population, including and especially the most urgent needs.

practice and research sessions to which you may have grown accustomed, we have designed a unique style of event. With the help of three expert facilitators, the 2018 CPM Symposium will provide a space where we can all voice our ideas, lift up our strengths, and identify and face the challenges we encounter as we look for solid solutions to advance the profession. We will dive deeply into our professional opportunities and challenges, examine cutting edge thinking about health care and education with experts in public policy, legislation, and education, explore global and national trends as they might apply to midwifery, and learn from our peers who are breaking new ground in policy, practice and education.

## Community-Designed Symposium Program

Your contributions to a broadly-disseminated community [survey](#) about topics, themes and speakers are being used to shape and inform the agenda for this event. Among many, here are some of the key themes and topic suggested by you, your colleagues and stakeholders:

- Access to, affordability of education, training and preceptors
- Eliminating inequities in birth outcomes and experiences
- Creating access to CPMs within the systems of care for birth
- CPMs as state and federal Medicaid providers
- Public & private insurance reimbursement, including viable amounts
- Licensing of CPMs in all states and territories
- Federal recognition for CPMs
- Promoting equity and access in the midwifery profession
- Sustainability for CPM practice – wages, practice models, practice needs
- Incorporating equity and anti-racism into midwifery clinical preceptorships
- Innovative models for access to and affordability of education
- More midwives who share cultural and racial identities of their communities

The National Association of Certified Professional Midwives and our convening partners, the Association of Midwifery Educators and Citizens for Midwifery, are hard at working planning a Symposium program that is both comprehensive and inclusive. Because the Symposium design is a collaborative effort with the community, the program is still being shaped. Details are coming soon! Please check out the [CPM Symposium Website](#) and watch for Symposium newsletters for updated information on the agenda and speakers.

## What to Expect from the 2018 CPM Symposium

We hope you will join us for this extremely important weekend as we work together to build a shared understanding of the future direction and purpose for the profession. You will gain a deeper understanding of the current needs of people having babies, especially those that are most urgent, and help determine steps of individual and collection action to position CPMs to better meet these needs. You will leave updated and informed about current issues, trends and needs for the profession, and having determined individual and collective action steps to advance the profession to meet the needs of people having babies. Most importantly,



the goal of this event is to leave you energized and inspired to go home with a stronger experience of a community that is striving towards something that truly matters, and with new information, tools, partners and allies for your work as leaders.

## Call for Speaker Nominations!



We want to ensure a representative and multi-vocal platform of speakers at the 2018 CPM Symposium. To this end, we are making a final call for nominations of speakers who can provide context, insight, and inspiration to the Symposium convening question: What are the most critical and urgent needs of childbearing people and how can CPMs position ourselves to meet these needs?

You can self-nominate or nominate a colleague or leader in the field! Please submit your nominations in by: Friday, March 2nd, 2018. To nominate yourself or someone else, please use this [Nomination Form](#).

**Register now to take advantage of Early Bird rates!  
We look forward to seeing you at the Bolger Center  
in May!**

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