

## Centering the Needs of Childbearing People



On May 11-13, midwives, childbearing families, midwife students, midwife educators and policy makers are coming together during the 2018 CPM Symposium at the William F. Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland to plan how to make midwives accessible to all people

having babies, especially those most in need of this care. Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) are committed to bringing the voices and perspectives of people having babies – your voices – into this planning event. We want to hear from you directly so that your voice and your experience can help to guide this work.

To make this possible and bring your voice into the Symposium, we are inviting you to make a one-minute video about your experience of having a baby and send it to the planning team for the CPM Symposium. Your videos will be shared on a “Gallery of Voices” on the [2018 CPM Symposium Website](#). You can send your video anytime between now and May 5<sup>th</sup> to have it included in the “Gallery”. Symposium participants can then watch your videos and center your perspectives and experiences in their work at the Symposium.

This event is sponsored by the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM), along with midwife educators (Association of Midwifery Educators), consumers (Citizens for Midwifery) and the International Center for Traditional Childbearing (ICTC), a national association of Black midwives and doulas.

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Pertillar at [cpmsymposiumcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cpmsymposiumcoordinator@gmail.com). To learn more about the 2018 CPM Symposium, please visit our [website](#).

# YOUR VOICE YOUR STORY

## Video Submission Instructions:

- Names are not required in your videos. But if you use names, please only use first names.
- Submit your 1-minute video by posting it to YouTube, Facebook, Apple iCloud, or Google.
- Send your video link to Tiffany Pertillar at [cpmsymposiumcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cpmsymposiumcoordinator@gmail.com) no later than May 5, 2018. In your email please tell Tiffany which question number you are answering in your video.

## Questions to Consider when Creating your Video:

1. What is most important to you about your experience of giving birth?
2. Were you able to access and receive the kind of care you wanted or needed for your pregnancies and births? What barriers did you experience in accessing the kind of prenatal or birth care you needed or wanted?
3. What changes are needed to improve access to CPM care for more families having babies in the US?
4. What is your hope for childbirth in the future?

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**William F. Bolger Center**  
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