



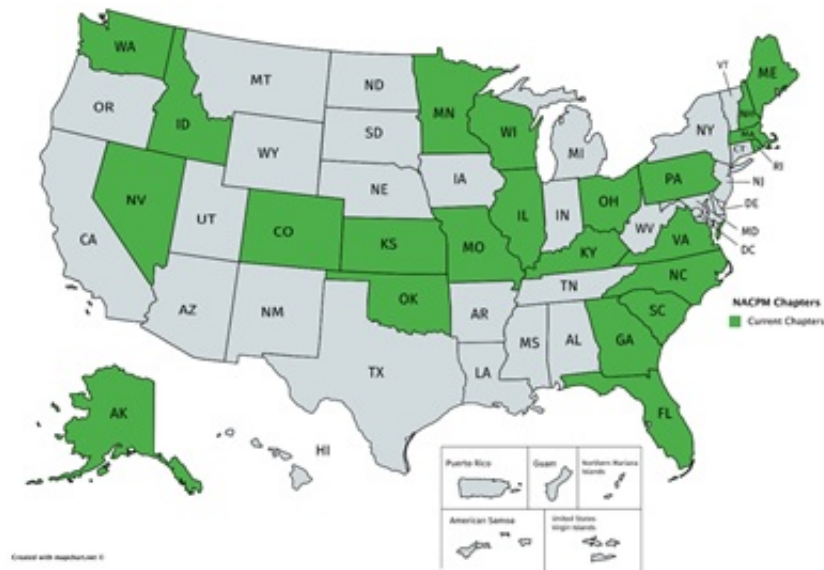
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Announcing Four New Chapters as of 2019!

The NACPM Chapter Program had a strong finish to 2018 with the formation of four new chapters! Georgia, Idaho, New Hampshire, and Virginia were all able to take advantage of the generous start-up funding from Ann Geisler and Southern Cross Insurance before the close of our chapter program launch period at the start of 2019. We are so excited to have these new chapters as part of our community, and encourage you to reach out and get involved! You can find [contact information for the chapters](#) on the NACPM website. If you don't see a chapter listed in your jurisdiction, or if the chapter you're looking for doesn't have a live contact page, reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org for more information. We will gladly connect you with your local chapter or support you in forming a chapter in a new jurisdiction. It's not too late to form your NACPM chapter!

The addition of these four new chapters brings our community total to 23 fully formed chapters in Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin with several additional jurisdictions exploring chapter formation including an indigenous midwives chapter.

We are looking forward to the coming year and plan to focus our energies on enhancing the value of the NACPM Chapter Program through continued community engagement and individualized support for each chapter's unique needs. Please share with us about what is going on in your jurisdiction and how NACPM might be of help. Also, if you are a chapter member, please join the [NACPM Chapter Facebook Group](#) and begin connecting!



NACPM Chapter Equity Resource Guide

NACPM is excited to highlight the recent release of the [NACPM Chapter Equity Resource Guide](#), which has been a long-time work in progress. This guide was developed in response to numerous requests for a resource from Chapter members and leaders seeking to build equitable, social-justice oriented organizations from the ground up. NACPM's goal is to provide an entry point for Chapter leaders and members new to this work by pointing them toward comprehensive toolkits, workshops, and a variety of other learning resources, many of which the NACPM leadership team has turned to for self-paced education to promote personal and organizational action and change. We will add to and update this guide as we discover and utilize new resources to further our understanding in the hope that, over time, it will become a more robust and balanced collection. There are several places to submit feedback throughout the resource guide, and we invite you to please make use of these opportunities. We, the NACPM leadership team, are not experts but co-learners on this journey, and we are eager to hear and learn from you!

We will be focusing on the Equity Resource Guide in our summer Chapter Collaboration Call scheduled for **Thursday June 20th** from 1:30-3:00pm ET. NACPM board member [Jamie Eidsath](#) will be facilitating an interactive exploration of the guide for Chapter leaders and members. If you would like to be part of these



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collaboration calls and specifically this community dialogue around equity, we invite you to join your local Chapter or reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org to learn more about forming one in your jurisdiction.

Please note the **DATE CHANGE** for our spring Chapter Collaboration Call. The new call time is **Thursday, March 14th** from 1:30-3:00pm ET. Watch your email for more information about our focus for the call, and as always feel free to reach out to Susan at

chapters@nacpm.org.

Susan Smartt Cook Maternity Leave

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In other exciting news, Chapter Program Manager Susan Smartt Cook is expecting her first baby in early April! She will be going on maternity leave at that time and returning in the early summer around our June 20th Chapter Collaboration Call. Please plan to direct your chapter questions to Mary Lawlor at executivedirector@nacpm.org while Susan is away. If you are a current chapter board member needing to complete your annual chapter renewal, please reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org right away so that we are sure to have everything in order before she leaves.

Thank you for your patience during this exciting transition!

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