



ACNM PROTECTS AND ADVANCES THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the American College of Nurse-Midwives benefits not only each individual midwife, but also the profession as a whole and midwives collectively. It enables us to advocate on behalf of our goal: *A midwife for every person!*

STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Membership in the American College of Nurse-Midwives enables ACNM to support the continued growth of the midwifery profession by advocating for policies that promote expanding access to midwives and midwifery-led care models and address barriers to practice for certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs). ACNM's policy priorities include:

- Creating a racially and ethnically diverse midwifery workforce;
- Increasing access to midwifery care in all practice settings where sexual and reproductive health care is delivered;
- Removing restrictive scope of practice requirements that prevent CNMs and CMs from practicing to the full extent of their education and certification;
- Promoting unfettered access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health services;
- Working to ensure equitable reimbursement for midwifery services across the continuum of third-party payers;
- Securing full hospital privileges with voting rights for midwives; and
- Much, much more.

Our work results in true, tangible change. In 2019, for example, our robust advocacy efforts at the federal level led to a legislative victory, securing \$2.5 million in federal funding for accredited midwifery education programs under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act's Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program. This was a major win for the US midwifery community at large, as this critical funding prioritizes students and programs who seek to strengthen and increase much-needed racial and ethnic representation within the midwifery workforce.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

ACNM membership provides every member with direct access to ACNM's Legislative Action Center, where you can voice your opinions to members of Congress and state legislators on issues germane to midwifery practice and keep current on what's happening at the state and national levels. We make it easy for you to get and stay involved, and make your voice matter.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ACNM membership also offers an opportunity for members to increase their influence with elected officials through the Midwives Political Action Committee (Midwives-PAC), the bipartisan political arm of ACNM. The Midwives-PAC, which is not affiliated with any political party, leverages generous member donations to support members of Congress who can help us advance ACNM's federal policy agenda.

The future of midwifery depends on midwives' ability to demonstrate how and why we are integral to optimizing maternal health care in the United States. Membership in ACNM makes this future possible.