



2025 AABC Birth Institute

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE: Birth Centers as Empowered Changemakers

September 11-14, 2025 | Portland, Oregon

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline **FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

The AABC Program Committee is accepting proposals to present at the 2025 AABC Birth Institute to be held September 11-14, 2025, in Portland, Oregon. The theme of the conference is “Navigating the Future: Birth Centers as Empowered Changemakers.”

The AABC Birth Institute, the annual convention of the American Association of Birth Centers, is the nation's premier conference for birth centers and brings together about 250 birth advocates from across the nation.

We welcome abstracts that address clinical issues and administrative challenges for birth center providers/administrators and others developing innovative solutions in maternity care. Whenever possible, abstract submissions should include content about racism and health disparities, social determinants of health, and diversity and inclusion.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- It is not required to be a member of AABC to submit an abstract.
- AABC is a multi-disciplinary organization with members including birth centers, alongside midwifery units, administrators, midwives, physicians, nurses, birth assistants, doulas, lactation consultants, consumers, and organizations supporting the birth center model of care.
- AABC has adopted a set of [Community Agreements](#) for the community to share space respectfully and with accountability. We ask you to review and indicate acceptance of these community agreements. If you are selected to present at the conference, you will be required to indicate the acceptance of these agreements.
- AABC believes in the profound relationship between language and our beliefs, practices, and well-being. All presenters are asked to use inclusive language in their presentations. See [AABC Inclusive Language Guidelines](#)
- Presentations should refer to midwives and midwifery in recognition of the different types of midwives practicing in birth centers (CMs, CNMs, CPMs, LMs).
- Whenever possible, abstract submissions should include content about racism and health disparities, social determinants of health, and diversity and inclusion.

- The individual submitting the abstract is considered the primary contact. All correspondence about the abstract will be emailed to the submitting presenter. The primary submitting presenter is responsible for communicating any details and updates about the abstract and presentation to the other presenters.
- The AABC Birth Institute is an educational conference. Presentations may not be for direct promotion of a product or service.
- Topics that are of interest to the AABC Birth Institute attendees include:
 - Innovative models of birth center care
 - Sustainability – financial, staffing, ownership
 - Day-to-day operations
 - Leadership training
 - Integration, communication and collaboration
 - Pharmacology
 - Branding, marketing and social media
 - Stress management
 - Reproductive justice
 - Abortion access at birth centers
 - Serving diverse communities and racial equity
 - Financial management
 - Billing and contracting
 - Human resources – staffing and fellowships, contracts, student relationships
 - Adding auxiliary services
 - Research
 - Trauma-informed care
 - Clinical drills and skills
 - Complications in the peripartum period
 - Sentinel events
 - VBACs in Birth Center Practice
 - Risk management and CQI
 - Navigating Malpractice Insurance
 - Obtaining hospital privileges
 - Student integration
 - Public health and advocacy
 - Technology in birth center operations
- Types of Education Presentations
 - Concurrent session (60 minutes)
 - Research presentation (30 minutes)
 - Poster presentation
- Instructional Design
 - Be informed by sound learning principles
 - Facilitate knowledge transfer and development of new competencies
 - Stimulate and provoke discussion, audience engagement, and outcome-focused design
 - Use methods that draw out relevant past knowledge and experiences

PRESENTER INFORMATION

- **Presenter Limits:** Education Session presentations are limited to no more than three presenters.
- **Conference Registration:** All presenters are required to register for at least one day of the conference and will receive a speaker discount.
- **Expenses:** All expenses related to attendance at the conference, including registration, travel, and lodging, are the presenter's responsibility.
- **Inclusivity:** All presenters agree to abide by the [AABC Community Agreements](#) and use [inclusive language](#) in their presentations.

Questions? Please contact Kate Bauer at 215.234.8068 or katebauer@birthcenters.org

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Use the **online submission form** to submit your abstract by 11:59PM ET on **FEBRUARY 24, 2025**.

We recommend preparing your information in advance of submission.

Only complete abstracts will be considered by the AABC Program Committee.

APPLICATION OVERVIEW INFORMATION

1. Title of Presentation
2. Summary Description (limit 150 words)
3. Type of Presentation (check all that apply)
 - Concurrent session (60 minutes)
 - Research presentation (30 minutes)
 - Poster Presentation
4. Primary focus of Presentation
 - Research
 - Clinical
 - Administrative
 - Timely Topic (please specify)
5. Should the conference need to move to an online format, is the presentation translatable to an online format?
6. Presenter(s) Information
 - Name
 - Credentials
 - Organization
 - Title
 - Email
 - Phone

- Mailing Address
 - City, State, Zip
 - Bio (150 words); upload CV/Resume
7. Learning Objectives – Provide at least 3 learning objectives that clearly state what the participant will learn from attending this session. For example, “At the end of the session, the learner will be able to explain....”
 8. Content Outline – Address the topic and all the objectives. Include the time that will be allotted for each section.
 9. Does the session include pharmacotherapeutics for APRNs? If yes, describe the content and how much of it is related to advanced pharmacotherapeutics.
 10. Bibliography – Provide at least 6 evidence-based resources. References should be within the past 5 years unless the reference is a classic that is still relevant. At least 4 of the references should be from a peer-reviewed journal. Use APA format; you can use a free APA citation generator [like this](#).
 11. Acknowledgment that you have read the Presenter Information included in this Call for Proposals.
 12. Acknowledgment that you have read and agree to the [AABC Community Agreements](#).
 13. Complete an [online conflict of interest disclosure form](#) for each presenter