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CABC News Brief

New CABC Programs for Birth Centers & Alongside Midwifery Units Seeking Accreditation

Accreditation Success Sessions

Beginning in February, CABC will offer monthly 1-hour virtual sessions hosted by our Accreditation Specialists. They will answer questions about first-time accreditation and re-accreditation and will discuss topics of interest to those who join.

Stay tuned for details on dates & how to sign-up or join the sessions!

Accreditation Mentoring Program

CABC wants each facility seeking accreditation to have a positive experience and the best shot at success. To help achieve this goal, we have established - with the help of some dedicated individuals from our accredited birth centers and alongside midwifery units - a mentoring program for those seeking CABC-accreditation for the first time.

One month of mentoring is included in your accreditation fee and is available after you have paid the first half of the fee. The program includes up to 10-hours over 2 months, including things like texts, emails, calls, and sharing forms and policies from your mentor.

More information to come!

Other Helpful CABC Resources

Have you used the CABC Resource Center?

It is for accredited birth centers and alongside midwifery units and provides access to a wealth of information to help you with your accreditation process.
A few of the items available at your fingertips are:

Training Modules such as:
¨ Using Basecamp
¨ Introduction to CABC Indicators
¨ Documents required

Preparing for accreditation information such as:
¨ Accreditation & Site Visit Information
¨ Fee schedule

Check out the CABC YouTube channel

It's a geat source of information about CABC and CABC-accreditation to share with your staff, colleagues, and clients!

Current topics include:

-CABC board makeup & role

-Why accreditation matters

¨ Accreditation preparation & milestones
¨ Sample site visit schedule
¨ Site visit Document Checklist & submitting documents
¨ Scheduling site visit interviews
¨ Annual statistics worksheet

CABC Forms such as:
¨ Interim Status Report
¨ Application for Accreditation
¨ Accreditation Agreement

Sample CQI forms
CABC **newsletters, news briefs**, alerts, and announcements
CABC **Sentinel Event Review information**, including Trigger List and RCA worksheet

-Sharing your CABC-accreditation status

-Accreditation process from the perspective of accredited birth center Directors

-CABC operations & customer service

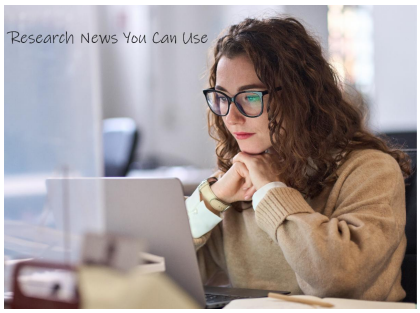
Subscribe and keep watching for new topics.

YouTube

Hoehn-Velasco, et al (2024) Neonatal morbidity & mortality in birth centers in the United States 20180-2021: An observational study of low-risk birthing individuals.*Birth*. 2024;51:659-666. doi 10.1111/birt.12823

"This study found no significant differences in the rate of neonatal death between freestanding birth center and hospital births. Where differences in other neonatal outcomes between birth settings were demonstrated, remaining neonatal morbidity outcomes were less likely to occur in birth centers, with the exception of assisted ventilation <6 hours. *This study adds to the body of evidence demonstrating the outcomes of care provided in freestanding birth centers that use CABC accreditation criteria to guide care." [*emphasis added]

In contrast to the Grunnebaum studies, which reported worse outcomes in birth centers, this study used a low-risk sample of birthing individuals who were eligible for birth center birth according to AABC Standards.



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Upcoming AABC Webinar - Birthing Centers as a Source of Vaccine Information

Have you seen vaccine hesitancy increase in your client population? Are you uncertain about vaccines yourself? Have you been unsure how to adhere to the CABC Indicators regarding immunizations?

Birth centers, due to the trust that they develop with clients and families, can be an important source of evidence-based information to support informed decision-making about vaccines during pregnancy and early childhood immunizations.

Join AABC and Karen Ernst, Director of Voices for Vaccines for an interactive webinar designed to equip birth center professionals with the tools and confidence needed to foster informed, trust-based conversations about immunizations. Free to AABC Members.

Wednesday, January 29, 12 - 1PM

Register for webinar HERE

Achievement Spotlight
December 2024 - January 2025

Congratulations on Your Re-Accreditation!

Mount Vernon Birth Center - Mount Vernon, WA

Minnesota Birth Center - Minneapolis & St Paul, MN

Is there someone at your CABC-Accredited or In-Process Freestanding Birth Center or Alongside Midwifery Unit who would like to receive the newsletter?

Contact Michele at Admin@BirthCenterAccreditation.org

Not one of the above?

Everyone can learn about CABC accreditation and activities on the **CABC website** or by following us on **Facebook**.

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