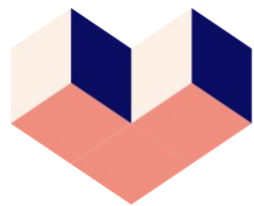




Improving Emergency Preparedness in Community Birth

April 2024



Primary Maternity Care

Our Mission: To enable integrated, high quality reproductive and perinatal care by strengthening systems for **patient engagement, quality improvement, value-based payment, and community-based care delivery.**

Clients Include

American Association of Birth Centers

Black Women's Blueprint

32BJ Health Funds (NY/NJ)

CHOICES Memphis

Community of Hope (DC)

Connectus Health (Nashville)

Community Health Network of CT

Every Mother Counts

Purchaser Business Group on Health

United Healthcare Community & State

Women's Health Connecticut

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Positive Patient Experiences of Community Birth Transfers



“I was treated with **respect, dignity, and options/ choices** in a difficult situation.”

“Our midwife anticipated the best time to transfer to **allow for a vaginal birth.**”

“I felt very **supported and validated** by my care team and everyone seemed to **communicate well.**”

“The nursing staff were so **kind and responsive and tender.**”

“We brought our hospital birth plan that we had prepped just in case...The nurse told us she read it and felt really connected and in love with our story and plan. And she had an **energy of honor.**”

“I delivered in the ER and even though the setting was not anticipated the staff still allowed for **delayed cord clamping and immediate skin to skin contact.**”

Negative Patient Experiences of Community Birth Transfers



“Treatment felt punitive.”

“I was pressured to have a C-section using fear-based language.”

“They called the cops on me.”

“Wanted to have a natural birth at the birth center, ideally in a tub. Instead the hospital transfer led to an episiotomy, birthing on my back, no doula allowed, overnight stay.”

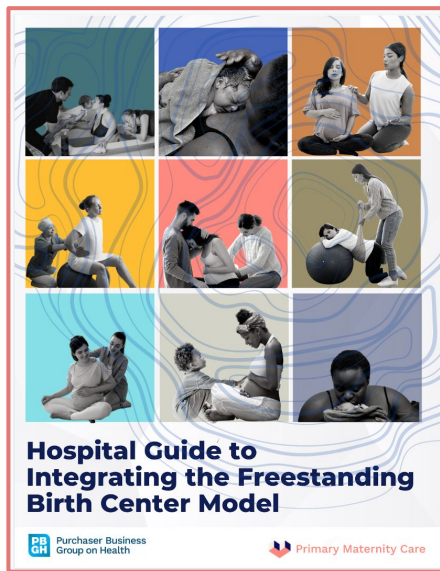
“I didn’t expect to be treated so badly. I think people just don’t believe Black women when we talk about what’s happening to our bodies.”

A Comprehensive Program to Drive Hospital-Birth Center Integration

Guide

Learning Series

Action Collaborative



The 3 Delays Framework

In community-integrated maternity care models, **preventable** morbidity and mortality are often related to one or more **delays**.



Action Collaborative 2024

Overall Learning Objectives:

- **Strengthen relationships** between hospital and community birth practice
- Develop dyad-specific **transfer guidelines, policies, and protocols** for OB emergencies
- Be able to **conduct, execute, and debrief a Full Transfer Drill** that starts in the community, uses emergency transport, and ends up in hospital
- **Increase competence** in practice-specific components of drills, with firm understanding of interdisciplinary roles, responsibilities, and quality improvement measures



About Step Up Together Action Collaborative



Tools



Community

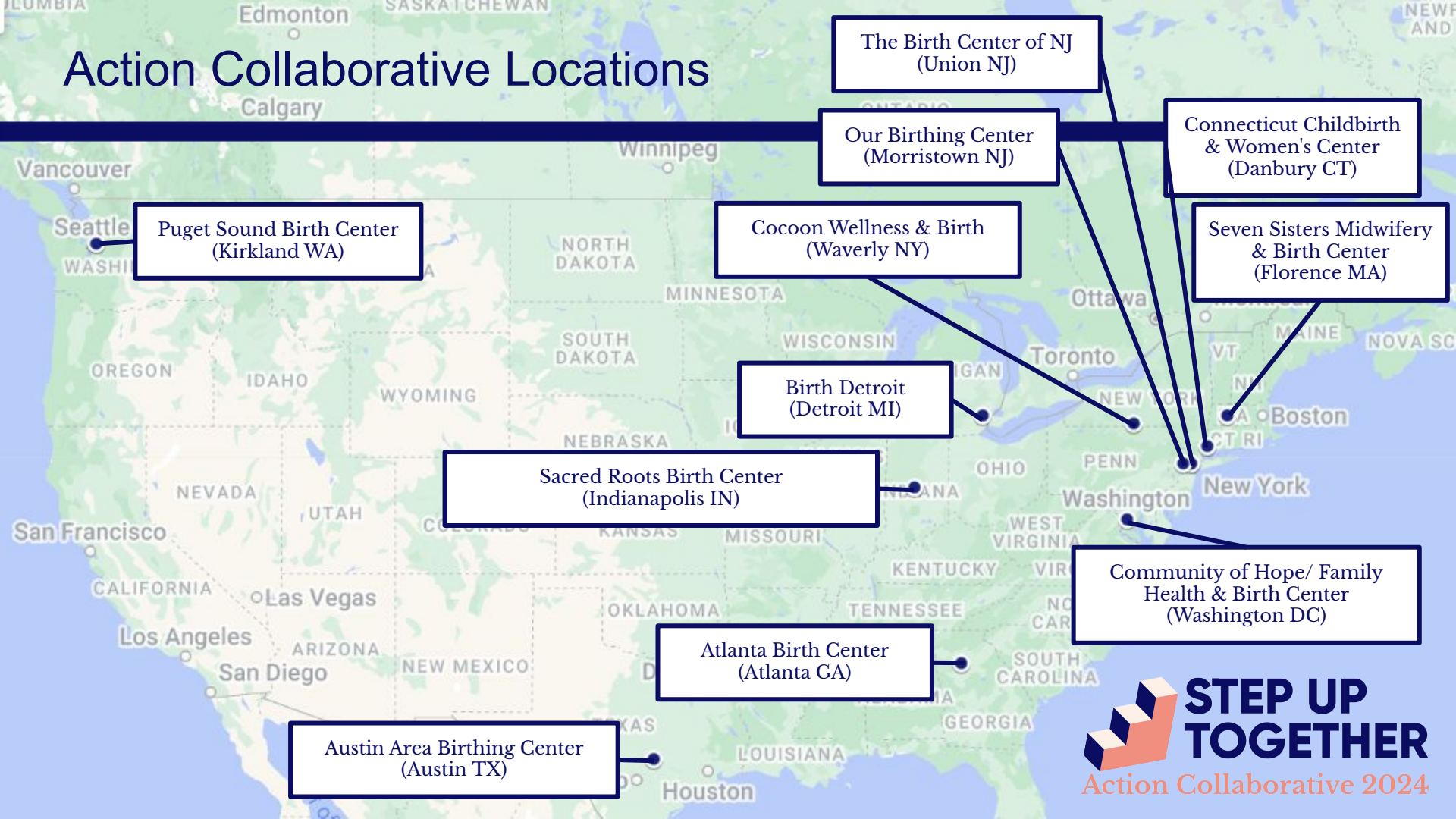


Coaching

Partners and Funders:

- Purchaser Business Group on Health
- Skyline Foundation
- UnitedHealthcare Community & State

Action Collaborative Locations



Puget Sound Birth Center
(Kirkland WA)

The Birth Center of NJ
(Union NJ)

Our Birthing Center
(Morristown NJ)

Connecticut Childbirth
& Women's Center
(Danbury CT)

Cocoon Wellness & Birth
(Waverly NY)

Seven Sisters Midwifery
& Birth Center
(Florence MA)

Birth Detroit
(Detroit MI)

Sacred Roots Birth Center
(Indianapolis IN)

Community of Hope/ Family
Health & Birth Center
(Washington DC)

Atlanta Birth Center
(Atlanta GA)

Austin Area Birthing Center
(Austin TX)