



Welcome and Thank You for Your Interest in Georgia Birth Network!

What is a Birth Network?

Through Lamaze International's Parent Committee, Birth Networks all over the world are promoting, supporting and protecting normal birth. Currently there are 24 Birth Networks in the world - Georgia Birth Network is the only one located in Georgia.

Why Georgia Birth Network?

Georgia Birth Network came about as a way to bring childbirth professionals together with the birthing families of Georgia. It is essential that birth professionals get the support and education they need to serve the families in their areas and GBN provides this as well.

What is the mission of the Georgia Birth Network?

The Georgia Birth Network is a non-profit organization committed to providing support and education for childbirth professionals and birthing families in Georgia. GBN members are dedicated to improving pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum experiences through information, empowerment and advocacy.

What are the benefits of membership?

Depending on the type of membership you choose, your benefits can include:

- Meetings (quarterly)
- Advertising - Website Listing
- Phone line - FREE referrals and information on all members
- Training Programs (mini-seminars on various subjects)
- Library/Reference Materials
- GBN newsletter (4 issues/year)
- Mentorship Program
- Participation in Community Events
- Forum Discussion Group
- Networking Possibilities
- Leadership Opportunities
- Scholarship Opportunities for Continuing Education

How do I join?

Enclosed in this packet you will find a copy of our Mission Statement and Code of Ethics for your review. We have also included information about our different types of memberships, outlining the benefits of each. If you wish to join the Georgia Birth Network and believe in our mission and that of CIMS, please complete the enclosed Membership Application, the Website Listing form, sign the Code of Ethics (if a birth professional) and submit with appropriate membership dues.

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Georgia Birth Network Code of Ethics

I. Rules of Conduct

A. The childbirth professional should maintain high standards of personal and professional conduct.

B. The childbirth professional should strive to become and remain proficient in his or her professional practice through continuing education, affiliation with related organizations, and associations with other childbirth professionals.

II. Ethical Responsibility to Clients

A. The childbirth professional's primary responsibility is to his or her clients.

B. The childbirth professional should make every effort to foster maximum self sufficiency and determination on the part of his or her clients.

C. The childbirth professional should respect the privacy of clients and hold in confidence all information obtained in the course of professional service.

D. The childbirth professional should assist each client seeking labor support by providing services or making appropriate referrals.

E. When the childbirth professional agrees to work with a particular client, his or her obligation is to do so reliably, to the best of his or her abilities, for the term of the agreement.

III. Ethical Responsibility to Colleagues

A. The childbirth professional should treat colleagues with respect, courtesy, fairness, and good faith.

B. The childbirth professional has the responsibility to relate to the clients of colleagues with full professional consideration.

IV. Ethical Responsibility to Society

A. The childbirth professional should promote the general health of women and their babies, and whenever possible, that of their family and friends as well.

CIMS (Coalition for Improving Maternity Services) Mission Statement

The Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS) is a coalition of individuals and national organizations with concern for the care and well-being of mothers, babies, and families. Our mission is to promote a wellness model of maternity care that will improve birth outcomes and substantially reduce costs. This evidence-based mother, baby and family friendly model focuses on prevention and wellness as the alternatives to high-cost screening, diagnosis and treatment programs.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE MISSION STATEMENT AND CODE OF ETHICS:

DATE: _____



Website Listing

The following information will be used to add you to the referral section of the GBN website. Please print clearly.

NAME: _____

CERTIFICATIONS: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ WEBSITE: _____

WHAT LOCATIONS DO YOU SERVE? _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Doula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Postpartum Doula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childbirth Education, method: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lactation Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Midwife/Student Midwife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Massage Therapist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor/Nurse, specialty: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales/Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe: _____ |

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE STATED WITH YOUR LISTING?(DO TO LIMITED SPACE THIS MAY BE EDITED.)



Membership/Renewal Form

NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

(Renewals with dues are due on July 1.)

Active/Advertiser \$65

This membership will include listing on GBN website, referral benefits, newsletter, discount for booths at Bellies in Bloom and a vote at all Member Meetings.

Group Membership \$129

Advertiser benefits for companies and groups with 3 or more members.

Support Member \$29

Includes all benefits listed above, except referral.

PAYMENT TYPE

Online Paypal Payment

Check Included

Please send this form, along with the signed Code of Ethics, Website Information Form & check payable to GA Birth Network to 6948 Parkway Drive, Douglasville, GA 30135 to join the Georgia Birth Network.