

Why license midwives?

Licensure for nationally certified direct entry midwives will improve maternal/infant health care in Hawai'i

- Families will maintain their right to choose their care provider and the location of where they give birth
- Families will know that licensed midwives have met a set of international standards for education and competency
- Licensed midwives will best ensure maternal and infant health during their care by gaining access to important lab tests, ultrasounds, life saving medications and equipment



- Licensed midwives will be able to work to their full potential and fill important maternity care gaps in rural areas of Hawai'i
- Licensed midwives will be able to collaborate care with physicians and other care providers that meet families' needs
- Families will have increased access to use their health insurance to pay for midwifery care, reducing costs
- Recognizing the midwifery profession will inspire more people to choose this career path and will increase the number of midwives
- Licensing will encourage accredited schools to open their doors to provide midwife education in Hawai'i

Support licensure for midwives!