

Innovations In Maternity Care Collaboration: Learning By Doing Together!

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OBJECTIVES

- Identify key success factors for enhancing interprofessional collaboration in maternity care
- Examine the value of a needs-based approach to collaborative practice development
- Explore collaborative community- and team-based approaches to: practice design, group perinatal care delivery, and enhancing maternity care pathways and networks

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*We come to know
collaboration,
in the fullest
sense,
by experiencing it*



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ROOTS



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CULTIVATING TOGETHERNESS

- Respect, humility, curiosity, and trust
- Listening to understand
- Co-leading in inclusive environments
- Learning by doing
- Reflexive evaluating
- Adapting to improve
- Sharing learnings and resources
- LAUGHING AND HAVING FUN!

The process is the project

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Enhancing Interprofessional Collaboration in Maternity Care: Pathway to Positive Change
COMMUNITY TOOLKIT



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THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

- Intra- and interprofessional inequity
- Professional cultures/mythologies
- Rivalry/competition
- Professional and system silos
- Absence of remuneration models that foster collaboration

- Dialogue → Next wise actions?
- Manifesting equity → Compensation, infrastructure
- Shifting from silos → Common purpose, needs-based, inclusive co-leadership
- Enabling & sustaining rural and remote maternity

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