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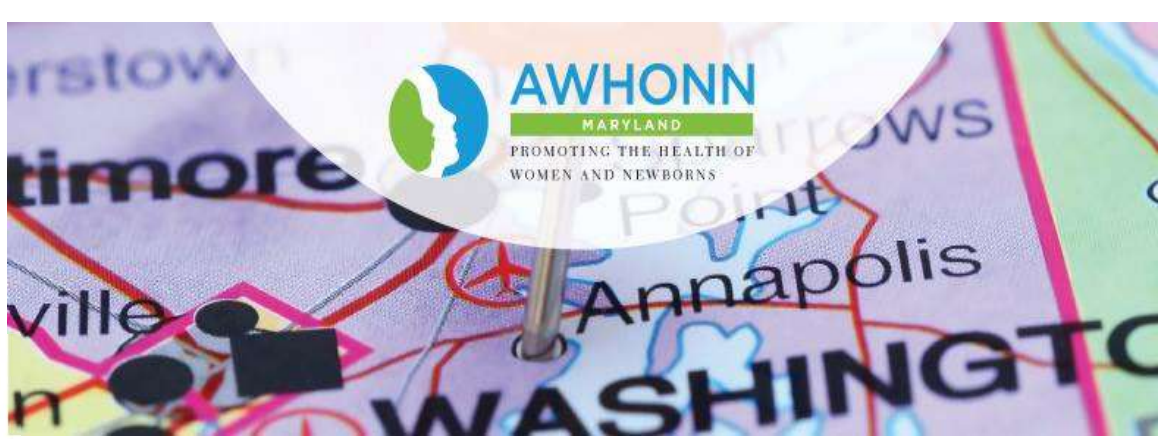
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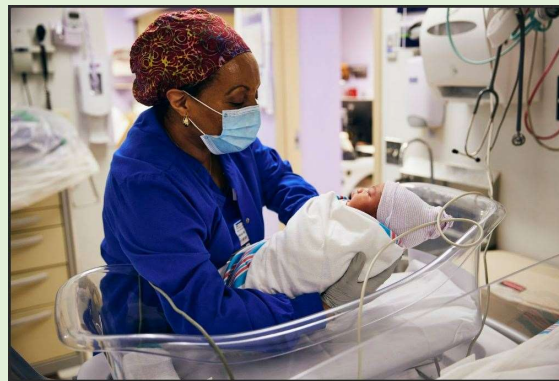


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## Hospital Highlight: MedStar Southern Maryland

MedStar Health Southern Maryland Hospital Center (MSMHC) in Clinton, MD recently successfully completed their first TJC survey since the maternal standards for postpartum hemorrhage and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy were published. Completion of the maternal standards, while challenging during COVID, were cemented in practice ahead of schedule. As the only level 2 special care nursery in southern Maryland, high risk deliveries comprise 70% of MSMHC's 1200 births per year. There are 5 obstetric clinics that provide perinatal care to the patients who deliver within the 8 LDRs, 2 ORs, and 18 postpartum rooms. Families receive BabyFriendly, family-centered care throughout their stay.



## Upcoming Hybrid Event

Learn about WIC Services,  
Eligibility & Facilitating Referrals

Presented by  
Chloe Dillaway, MSPH, RD, LDN

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023; 6 – 8pm**  
Southern Maryland Hospital Center  
7503 Surratts Rd, Clinton, MD  
Questions: [lfgarifo@gmail.com](mailto:lfgarifo@gmail.com)



In-person or virtual attendance options available. Please indicate your preference in the RSVP.

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/WICmtg> Pg 1



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## Seeking Chapter Coordinators

**Would you like to work with a fabulous team of nurses to strengthen our AWHONN MD Section?**

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following positions. If you are interested, contact us at [awhonnmd@gmail.com](mailto:awhonnmd@gmail.com).



- Montgomery County Chapter Coordinator
- Prince George's Chapter Coordinator
- Southern Maryland Chapter Coordinator

## Legislative Update

In May 2023, Prince George's county passed a resolution to create a standard for nurse and support staff patient ratios ([CR-013-2013](#)). The bill now stands before the PG County Council Board of Health where they are assessing the current staffing ratios in Prince George's County healthcare facilities.

If you work in a PG county healthcare facility, Councillor Blegay's office would love to hear from you regarding your experience with staffing. **Please send your contact information (name, email, facility) to [betimedet@gmail.com](mailto:betimedet@gmail.com).** This is a chance to make a tangible difference in how nurses and healthcare staff are treated. With PG county leading the way, our hope is that the rest of Maryland will follow suit.

Additionally, please be on the lookout for upcoming information regarding our letter writing campaign to support the federal version of this bill ([H.R. 2530](#)) and to lobby other county legislators to create similar local bills.



# Every Woman Every Baby 5K

Join us for Every Woman, Every Baby's Virtual 5k – Walk, Run, Ride, or Swim Challenge in honor of Perinatal Nurses Week. You can run or walk at your own pace, from any location. Proceeds from this event fund scholarships and grants for nurses to build evidence to support healthier women, safer pregnancies, and stronger babies.

**When:** Anytime during Perinatal Nurses Week, October 10-16

**Race Bib:** A printable race bib will be emailed to you when you register

**Share your memories with us:** Share your progress with us on social media by using #EWEB5K.

**Registration Fee:** \$25 per person

<https://www.awhonn.org/virtual-5k/>



## Save the Date - 2024 Maryland Section Conference

We will be returning to the beautiful Chesapeake Bay Beach Club for our second annual Maryland Section conference. Mark your calendars!

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**



# Welcome to Our Newest AWHONN MD Leaders!



## **LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR: Bassey Etim-Edet, MS, RN, CNL**

Before graduating with her master's in Clinical Nurse Leadership from the University of Maryland School of Nursing in 2018, Bassey worked for a DC hedge fund for nearly 10 years before a brief stint at the Pentagon as an analyst in Space Management (logistical space, not NASA space). Her passion for birth work grew as she volunteered for organizations in DC that catered to women and children, and she wanted to use her problem-solving skills to save lives not budgets. After graduating from nursing school Bassey worked as a labor & delivery nurse at the University of Maryland Medical Center in downtown Baltimore, and she now works in the medical device space. She is excited to use her life experience, her knowledge and her passion to make birth safer for all.

## **MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: Cara Caccamisi, BSN, RN**

Cara earned her BSN from the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She has worked as a mother-baby nurse for 4 years at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), where she staffs as a charge nurse and bedside nurse, caring for high-risk antepartum, postpartum mothers, and newborns in the newborn nursery. Cara serves on multiple committees including baby-friendly and peer mentoring and is a new instructor for Maryland Moms in Training. Her passions include providing quality care and education to pregnant women and new mothers, to ensure happy, health outcomes.



## **NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR: Naomi Cross, MSN, RN, C-EFM**

Naomi Cross recently became Faculty and Clinical Instructor in the department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. Her early career gave her experience in labor and delivery, postpartum, newborn nursery, and pediatrics. Naomi received her BSN and MSN from Notre Dame of Maryland University and is passionate about Caring Science and how it can be applied to all aspects of nursing, nursing education, and simulation. Fun fact: Naomi can be seen in the documentary film, The American Nurse.



## **FREDERICK CHAPTER COORDINATOR: Stacie Massett, MSN, RN, CLC**

Stacie, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, is a new member to our team but not to AWHONN. She recently moved from Pennsylvania where she was the co-coordinator for the South-Central Chapter. She most recently was a member of the 2023 National Planning Committee and will be on the same committee for the 2024 convention. She has been a presenter, moderator, poster presenter and a corresponding member for the annual conventions. Stacie has her MSN from Widener University and currently is pursuing her MBA at Grand Canyon University. She currently is a nurse manager in Pennsylvania and is a certified lactation counselor. Her passion is helping families with special needs children and adults navigate the challenges that they are faced.

