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WOMEN AND NEWBORNS

MARYLAND SECTION MESSENGER

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TAKEAWAYS

Our Maryland Section Leaders attended the AWHONN 2024 Leadership Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this past January. We asked our leaders about their take-aways from the experience. Below are some responses.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU?

Bassey: I was inspired by all of the "do-ers" in the room. I'm so filled with ideas and it can be very hard to actually follow through on the execution. It was motivating to see other people come up with a plan and actually finish their project.

Laura: To increase my involvement and begin to brainstorm on ways to bring more educational opportunities to our AWHONN Maryland members. The conferences really enhanced my engagement, creativity and ideas! I'm excited to continue working with the AWHONN Maryland leadership team.

WHAT DID YOU TAKE AWAY?

Cara: The "engaging students" session of the LDC was inspiring to me to want to do a better job at getting more involvement in AWHONN... AWHONN is where we get our evidenced based practice. It's a way of hearing what other hospitals are doing to advance the healthcare of women and children... Join AWHONN!

Naomi: I came away from the LDC inspired and energized! I was motivated by brilliant AWHONN members driving change nationwide! I am excited to recruit more nurses and get to work!



[To review more participant responses scan here!](#)



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2024 MARYLAND SECTION CONFERENCE

Wednesday April 17, 2024

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Chesapeake Bay Beach Club

<https://tinyurl.com/AWHONNMD24>



EVERY BIRTH
EVERY BABY

2024 SECTION CONFERENCE

Wednesday • April 17, 2024 • 7:00am-5:00pm

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks included



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

<http://tinyurl.com/AWHONNMD24>

CLINICAL UPDATES AND BEST PRACTICES:

- Maternal Mental Health
- Maternal Sepsis
- Breastfeeding for HIV+ Patients
- Legalization of Cannabis in Maryland
- Documentation in Perinatal Settings

DOOR
PRIZES

Earn
5 CNEs

NETWORKING

PRE-CONFERENCE
COCKTAIL HOUR
Tuesday, April 16
6:00-9:30pm



WATERFRONT VENUE + VIEW

CHESAPEAKE BAY BEACH CLUB

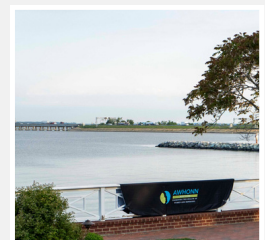
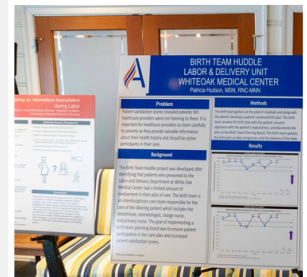
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SEEKING CHAPTER COORDINATORS

We are seeking a Chapter Coordinator for Prince George/Southern Maryland, a Chapter Co-Coordinator for Montgomery/Howard/Anne Arundel, and a Chapter Co-Coordinator for Baltimore/Cecil/Harford!

Position Description:

Host a minimum of two chapter events per year and communicate activities and chapter needs to the AWHONN MD Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. Attend quarterly virtual meetings with the AWHONN MD leadership team and share information about section-level activities with your chapter members. Recruit new members to your chapter with specific attention focused on hospitals and geographic regions with less AWHONN representation.

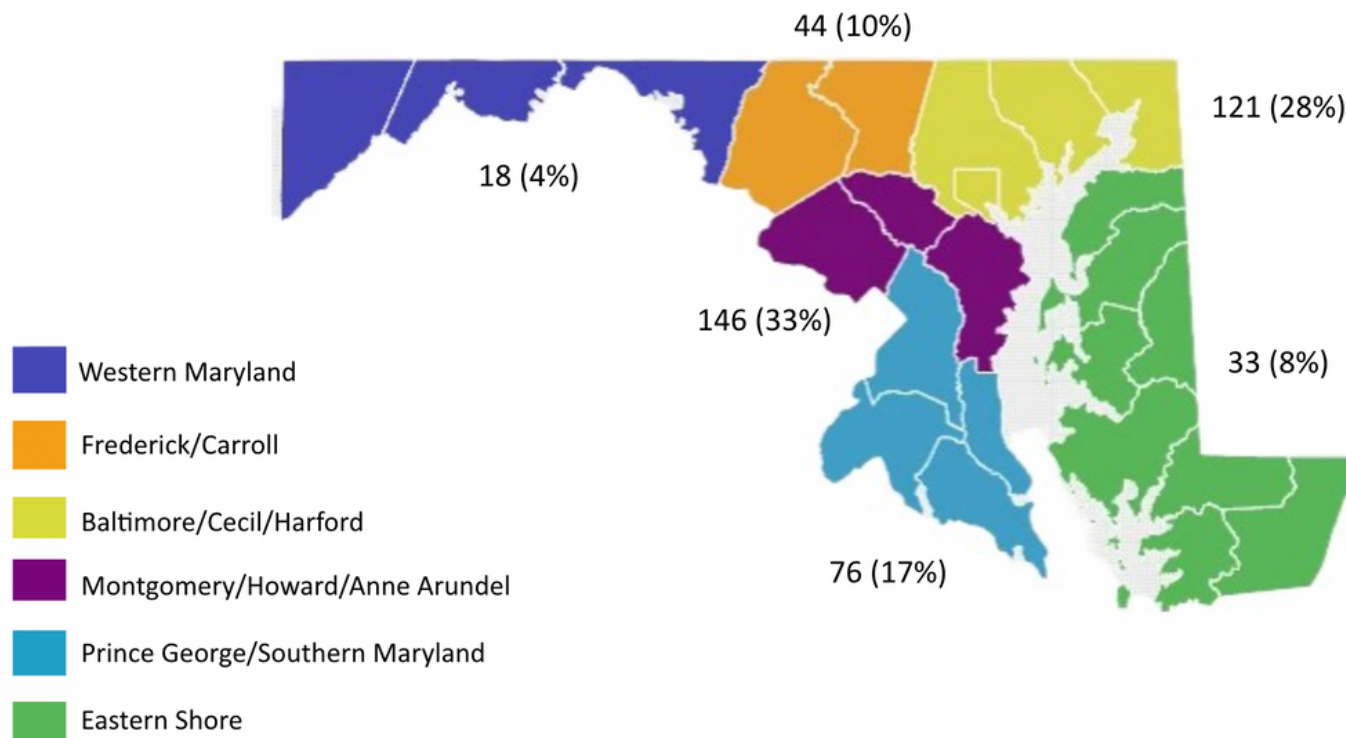
If interested, please email us at awhonnm@gmail.com

POSTER PRESENTATION SUBMISSION FORM

Interested in presenting a poster at the 2024 Maryland Section Conference? The submission [form](#) is due on **March 15th**.



JANUARY 2024 MD AWHONN MEMBERSHIP



[Click Here
to Register!](#)



SEEKING HOSPITAL LIAISONS

We have 11 liaisons in 32 birthing hospitals in Maryland. Help us build our hospital liaison program!

To see the vacancies:

<https://maryland.awhonn.org/hospital-liaisons/>

Position description:

Share upcoming AWHONN MD events with RN colleagues at your hospital and report back to AWHONN MD leadership needs and requests from RN colleagues. Attend quarterly virtual meetings.

If interested email us at awhonnmd@gmail.com

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In early January, the Maryland Section of AWHONN responded to a request for support related to a Healthcare Workplace Violence Prevention Service Announcement. Our section sent a [letter](#) to Governor Moore asking him to fund a one-time budget request of \$2 million to help promote this campaign. AWHONN's position is that violence against healthcare workers is a serious issue that must be addressed. AWHONN has a strong commitment to "advocating for legislation aimed at reducing gun violence and increasing protection for health care workers."



MD AWHONN
Workplace
Violence Letter

See AWHONN's Statement on Workplace Violence

<https://www.awhonn.org/awhonn-statement-on-violence-against-healthcare-workers/>

MARYLAND MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMIT VIRTUAL PRE-CONFERENCE IGNITE SESSION

DATE: MAY 8TH
TIME: 10-12 PM
COST: FREE
LOCATION: VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Looking for a way to network, connect, and learn about what organizations throughout Maryland are doing to support birthing people, improve maternal outcomes, and eliminate disparities in maternal morbidity and mortality?

Join Us for an **Ignite Session!!**

To learn more or to present an Ignite session contact Adriane Burgess at aburgess@marylandpatientsafety.org

To attend register by scanning the QR code



2024 MARYLAND MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMIT

Collaborating to
Address Preventable
Mortality for
Birthing People



MAY 9, 2024 • 8:00 a.m – 4:30 p.m.

MEET OUR STUDENT INTERNS



MARYCLARE CALLAHAN
Legislative Intern

I am in my final semester in Notre Dame of Maryland University's traditional nursing program. I fell in love with obstetric nursing during my summer nurse externship at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital working in their Labor & Delivery and Mother/Baby unit. And I am a proud member of the MGUH clinical scholars program. As part of that program, I am completing my senior practicum on Labor & Delivery and be a full time RN on the unit after I graduate.



PHOEBE CHAN
Newsletter Intern

I am a 3rd semester BSN student at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore. I have always had an interest in maternal and infant health, which started at four years old, watching the process of new lives growing and being born on every baby-related show on Discovery Health and then seeing the families in my community add new members to theirs. At UMSO, I am an Academic Peer Tutor and a Semester Representative for the Nursing Student Government Association.



MIKALA HARRISON:
Social Media Intern

I am a Senior attending Salisbury University in the Bachelors of Science In Nursing Traditional Pathway. I grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and graduated from Colonel Richardson High School. Women's health and neonatal care is a field I have dreamed of being a part of since I was a little girl. My dream job would be to one day become a NICU nurse and travel. I look forward to furthering my education and being a part of the AWHONN team!

PAST EVENTS

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) EVENT

Representatives from local and state WIC agencies shared information and education on a wide range of topics on Thursday, November 2nd. This hybrid event was hosted by MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center and sponsored by AWHONN Maryland with in person and virtual attendees from a variety of disciplines including nursing, lactation, and community health.



The two-hour event focused on the overall WIC program, food supplementation, lactation and much more! It was well received by attendees and presenters alike as was the networking session. Visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic> to learn more about WIC.



If you would like to host a similar event at your hospital, please reach out to Laura Garifo, Education Coordinator, at lgarifo@gmail.com.

POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The Jada Review Dinner was attended by nurses from hospitals in Montgomery County on November 9th. The Jada reps reviewed their Ruby study that indicated the success of using the Jada device early when PPH is declared to decrease the amount of blood loss. The food was delicious and we were very grateful to our hosts for this opportunity to learn more about the Jada.



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