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WOMEN AND NEWBORNS

MARYLAND SECTION MESSENGER



FALL 2024 EASTERN SHORE CHAPTER EVENT



The Eastern Shore Chapter held its first in-person event in many years! Nearly 50 attendees gathered for an evening of fun, food, friends and facts! Participants enjoyed a happy hour, delicious dinner, and dessert sponsored by Organon. A friendly costume contest was held with multiple winners. Door prizes were awarded and fun was had by all. It was great to see folks connecting with old friends and making new ones. Attendees included nurses, nurse leaders, midwives, nursing students and nursing faculty. Hospitals from the Eastern Shore, Delaware, and Maryland's Western Shore were represented. It was a great night and a huge success!

The focus of the event was Maryland's current perinatal and neonatal quality initiatives. Updates were given on collaborative data for both the perinatal and neonatal initiatives as well as data from the recently published 2022 Maryland Annual Maternal Mortality Report. All 32 Maryland birthing hospitals are working on an obstetric hemorrhage quality improvement initiative. The Jada team provided excellent education and presented the results of their Ruby study. On the neonatal side, the majority of hospitals are participating in a prevention and treatment of neonatal hypoglycemia initiative. Eastern Shore Chapter member and IBCLC, Karen Van Trieste, gave a fantastic presentation on nursing interventions to prevent and treat neonatal hypoglycemia. Karen made the education fun and interesting! All in all it was an amazingly successful night and we look forward to doing it again next year! *Jaimi Hall, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, Eastern Shore Chapter Coordinator*



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SAFE STAFFING



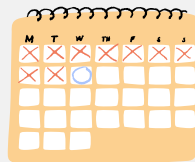
In October we held a virtual letter writing campaign in support of **Maryland Senate Bill 1020 Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2024)**. This bill, which has already passed in the House, will mandate hospitals to create staffing committees and adhere to the guidelines the committees recommend. Safe staffing is an issue that affects all healthcare workers and patients and MD AWHONN is proud to support this legislation. During our meetings, AWHONN members shared stories of difficult or unsafe situations that resulted from unsafe staffing. Some of the members were courageous enough to share their stories in writing, and those stories will be included in the final letter we will send to our state senators. Our next project will be to submit a request to Governor Moore to issue a special proclamation to create a maternal mortality month. - *Bassey Etim-Edet, MS, RN, CNL, Legislative Coordinator*

UPCOMING EVENTS



Jan 15
CNE WATCH PARTY

Online
7:30 - 9:00 PM
<https://tinyurl.com/CNEConvo>



Until Apr 25

DIAPER DRIVE

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1EHTTKIUWFEBN?ref=wl_share



FALL 2024 NORTHEASTERN CHAPTER TRIVIA NIGHT

Northeastern Chapter Co-coordinators, Judith Coombs-Haylett, MSN, RN and Cherice Dew, BSN, RN hosted trivia night! It was held at the B & O Brasserie in beautiful downtown Baltimore. It was attended by physicians, nurses, and advanced practice nurses from multiple hospitals throughout the Baltimore area. Jada sponsored this event and provided excellent education and a competitive game of trivia on on EFM! The food was delicious, the company was wonderful, and fun was had by all! *Naomi Cross, MSN, RN*



Trivia



Night



WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF YOUR HOSPITAL AND NURSING COLLEAGUES? BECOME A HOSPITAL LIAISON TODAY!

We have 17 liaisons in 32 birthing hospitals in Maryland. Join us and help build our hospital liaison program!

To see vacancies:

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

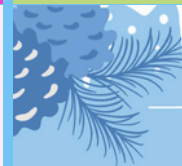
Position description: Share upcoming AWHONN MD events with RN colleagues at your hospital and report back to AWHONN MD leadership the needs and requests from RN colleagues. Attend meetings with the Hospital Liaison Coordinator as needed.

If interested email us at,
awhonnmd@gmail.com

Jessica Chiappelli, MSN, RN, C-EFM, RNC-OB, RNC-MNN, C-ONQS
Hospital Liaison Coordinator



DO YOU NEED A CNE? OR WANT TO EXPAND YOUR NURSING KNOWLEDGE? COME LEARN WITH FRIENDS VIRTUALLY!



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

CNE Watch Party

Because learning with friends is fun!

CONVERSATIONS ON CARING IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NURSING: CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU.

FOR NURSES WHO WORK WITH PATIENTS EXPERIENCING PERINATAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (PSUDS):

EPB RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PSUDS TREATMENT

HOW COMMUNICATION AFFECTS PATIENTS EXPERIENCING PSUDS

RESPECTFUL AND CARING COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES



JANUARY 15, 2025 @ 7:30 PM



Zoom registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/CNEConvo>

1.0 CNE AWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF EVALUATION

AWHONN MARYLAND DIAPER DRIVE



AWHONN Nurses Care! 1 in 2 U.S. families struggle with diaper needs. Babies without clean diapers are exposed to more potential health risks & less likely accepted to daycares, leaving parents unable to attend work. We want to address those challenges.

***To date, we have received 5304 diapers and wipes from a total of 11 donors!
Be part of a winning team! Donate today!***

OUR MARYLAND DIAPER DRIVE CONTINUES UNTIL APRIL 30th, 2025

Huggies will match one diaper for every diaper donated through our drive.

Also, one wipe counts as one diaper!!

To participate, please scan the QR Code or click on the link to donate to the cause!
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1EHTTKIUWFEBN?ref_=wl_share

EASTERN SHORE MINI DIAPER DRIVE SUCCESS!



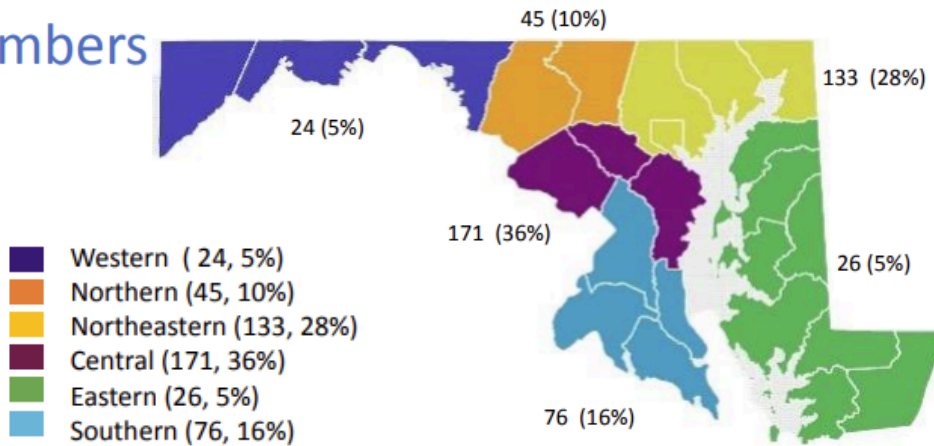
Eastern Shore Chapter Supports the Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center

Attendees at the recent Eastern Shore Chapter event donated over 400 diapers, wipes, and various baby items which were given to the Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center in Salisbury, MD. The center, a non-profit organization, has provided pregnancy services and support to the Eastern Shore community for over 40 years. They also have a free baby boutique where clients can shop for various items including diapers, clothes, books and toys. Executive Director Jacquelyn Seldon was most appreciative of our donation!

*Jaimi Hall, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM,
Eastern Shore Chapter Coordinator*

OCTOBER 2024 MD AWHONN MEMBERSHIP

476
Members



Our section grew by **37** members from September to October!

Reach out to your Chapter Coordinator (pg. 8) to connect with members and learn about more upcoming activities in your local area.

2024 AWHONN SECTION MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

From August 1 through December 31, 2024 we will be competing with other sections of a similar size to recruit the most new members! Section winners are eligible to receive an AWHONN national convention registration, a \$500 travel stipend, and four nights in the host hotel. If we win, we will raffle the prize. To be eligible to win the raffle, you must have recruited at least one member or be a new member recruited during the challenge.

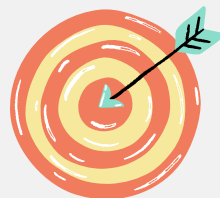
And there's more!! If you recruit just three members, you will receive a complimentary one-year AWHONN full membership, a \$50 Amazon gift card, an AWHONN commemorative tee and tote, and an Amazon Echo speaker!

Check out additional rewards levels under "announcements" on our webpage.

Be sure to follow the instructions provided on our webpage to give your recruiter credit!

<https://maryland.awhonn.org/announcements/>

Information about member benefits: <https://www.awhonn.org/membership/>



SAVE THE DATE

AWHONN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Strength in Joy

 2025 AWHONN CONVENTION

June 21-25 • Orlando, FL

REGISTER
NOW!

MD AWHONN CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE



APRIL 30TH, 2025

MARYLAND SECTION CONFERENCE

MEET OUR NEW STUDENT INTERNS



NICOLE ONYENYEONWU, BA

Newsletter Intern

I am a 3rd semester student of the MSN-E program at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. My passion for women's health began in high school, and after finishing my OB clinical rotation this past summer, I completely fell in love with the field. I had the opportunity to rotate to several units at the UMMC Downtown Campus, including Labor and Delivery, Mother-Baby, and the NICU, and I loved every single second. I am so excited to be a part of this team and contribute to AWHONN's amazing mission!



MIRIAM LINOS

Membership Intern

I am a third-semester Nursing student at Montgomery College. I'm currently majoring in both Nursing and Business Administration. Growing up, I volunteered at Holy Cross Hospital in the high-risk Perinatal and Prenatal Sonogram unit. During college, I worked in the labor and delivery unit, postpartum, and NICU as a nursing student. This experience sparked my desire to pursue a career in the specialty of labor and delivery! I am grateful and appreciative for the experience to collaborate with extremely talented healthcare professionals. I look forward to being part of AWHONN and continuing my growth through my nursing journey!



EMILY BUSS

Education Intern

I am a 4th-semester student in the Direct Entry Master of Nursing program at Johns Hopkins. My interest in maternal-child health stems from recognizing the health disparities many women face when receiving care. I aim to learn and promote evidence-based practices in maternal-child health, ensuring that childbearing persons feel validated, and their care is rooted in the most recent research. When I'm not studying, I enjoy walking, reading, and spending time with my orange tabby cat.



OISHANI BASUCHOUDHARY

Legislative Intern

I am a fifth semester nursing student in the MSN program at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. I earned my BSc in neuroscience from Yale University before being inspired to transition into the healthcare field by my job as an EMT-B after college. I first discovered my love for labor & delivery in nursing school, through my role as a Hopkins birth companion—a position that involves giving doula-level support to persons in labor. I am particularly passionate about advocacy related to women's health and the legal protection of both nurses and their patients in the field. Outside of work, I enjoy baking, watching sitcoms, and taking trips to the National Aquarium.

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