“Collaborating with Midwives to Screen ‘Out of Hospital’ Births”

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It All Started With This:
2007

- 52,670 total births
- 779 were out-of-hospital (1.6%)
- Of those 779/687 (88%) were born with an attending midwife
Is Collaboration Worth the Effort?

• In the Beginning:
• 1999 – 2007 - No Direct Midwife support
  – Out of Hospital (OofH) births = 5,523
  – # Screened = 661
  – % screened = 12%
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• **2007**
  – Midwives = 0
  – # OofH births = 779
  – # OofH births screened = 182 (23.3%)
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• 2008 - Beginning of Home Birth Hearing Project
  – Midwives = 4
  – # OofH births = 797
  – # OofH births screened = 292 (36.6%)
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• 2009 (Year 2)
  – Midwives = 10
  – # OofH births = 787
  – # OofH births screened = 379 (48.1%)
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• 2010 (Year 3)
  – Midwives = 15
  – # OofH births = 845
  – # OofH births screened = 516 (61.1%)
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![Graph showing #OoHBirths and #Scrnd from 2007 to 2010](#)
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TOOLS

3 “T”s for Success

• TRUST

• TECHNOLOGY
  – Quick
  – Easy
  – Durable

• TRAINING
  – Hands-on technical application
  – Ongoing resource manual
Words of Encouragement:

- Letter (Suzanne)
- Phone Calls:
  - “I want to do more” - Sisters-N-Service (Michelle)
  - “When can I get a piece of equipment?” (Liz)
“A Midwife Speaks”
The Future

• 1. Yearly Inservice/Training Updates
• 2. Regionalize Midwife Screening Sites