

“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%)**

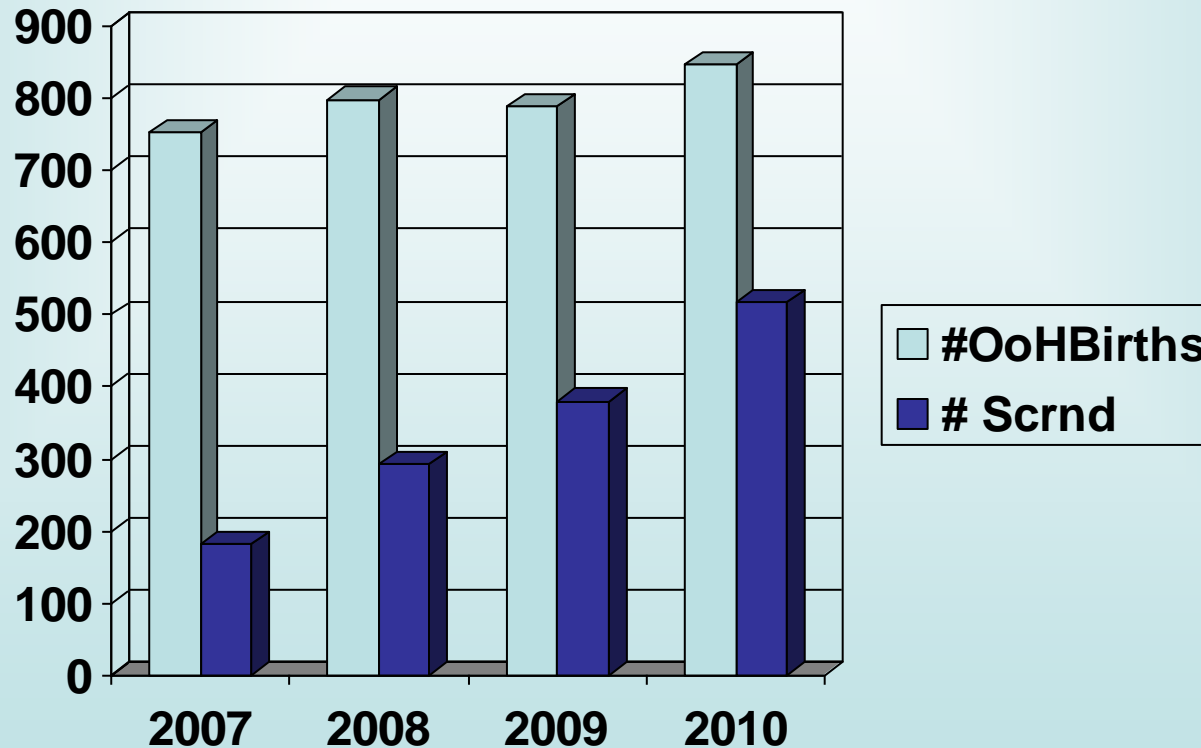
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- 2009 (Year 2)
 - Midwives = **10**
 - # OofH births = **787**
 - # OofH births screened = **379 (48.1%)**

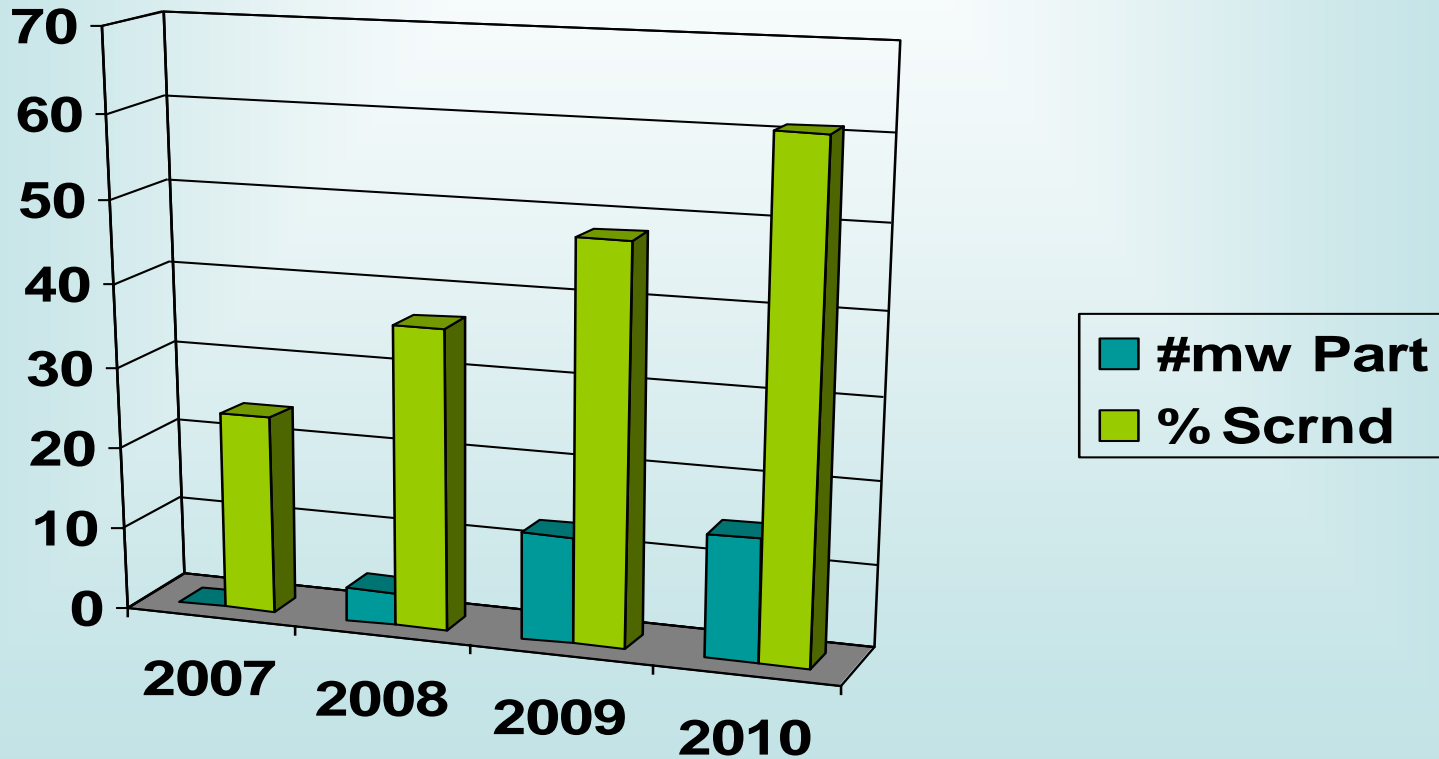
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- 2010 (Year 3)
 - Midwives = **15**
 - # OofH births = **845**
 - # OofH births screened = **516 (61.1%)**

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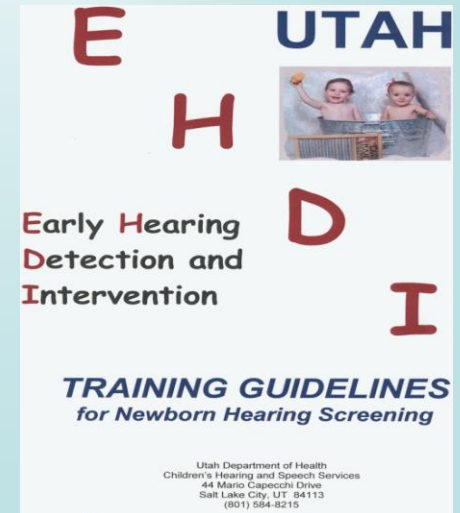
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TOOLS

3 “T”s for Success

- **T**RUST
- **T**ECHNOLOGY
 - Quick
 - Easy
 - Durable
- **T**RAINING
 - 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