

MIDWIVES

- Have cared for women since the beginning of time
- Attended the majority of births in Sweden for more than 300 years
- Save more lives of women and infants than any other health care provider in the world

Midwives' Voices Midwives' Realities



YET IN THE U.S.

- Ⓢ MIDWIVES FACE
- 👤 REGULATORY OR
- 🏥 HOSPITAL
- 💰 RESTRICTIONS

From U.S. "Listening to Mothers III Survey" (LTM)

43%

Did not leave bed after hospital admission

31%

Had a primary or repeat C-Section

INTERESTING FACTS



97% of US women enter hospital for healthy labor/birth, yet other high-income countries encourage and support options of home, birth center or hospital, with better outcomes.



LTM: 30% Women felt rushed, 22% wanted different options, 23% worried provider thought they were being difficult.



IN US: 53% labor induction, 89% have fetal monitoring, 50% Pitocin in labor and, 31% C-section.

WHY CHOOSE A MIDWIFE?

Listen and Encourage Conversation

Lower use of Interventions

Lower C-section and Induction rate

Promote Self-confidence and Trust

Promote Physiologic Labor and Birth

Provide Care in Any Setting

Decades of Excellent Outcomes

High Satisfaction in Services

Care Thru the Lifespan

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