



**Terms and Conditions Report**

*Terms and Condition Report: As a condition of the funds in unit of appropriation numbers 103 and 113 in the DOHMH budget, DOHMH shall submit to the Council, no later than June 30, 2023, a report on City Health Department programs providing resources related to:*

- Doula and midwives
- Disaggregated by borough and aggregated citywide.

**City Health Department programs providing resources to doula and midwives**

Program/Initiative	Boroughs vs Citywide	Description
<p><b>Midwifery Initiative</b></p>	<p>Citywide</p>	<p><b>Landscape Assessment</b> – Convene a midwifery steering committee of stakeholders, including City and State professional leaders in midwifery, midwifery directors of hospital services, senior clinicians, new midwives, and student midwives to make recommendations and facilitate a landscape assessment to better understand quantitative and qualitative data about the impact of midwifery care and birth outcomes in both hospital and out-of-hospital settings, with an emphasis on practice paradigms, autonomy, scope, and integration.</p> <p><b>Evaluate Integration of Midwifery Care Models</b> – Partnering with University-based NYC midwifery care researchers to conduct evidence-based research in collaboration with DOHMH to develop an assessment tool to measure the successful integration of midwifery care models into maternal health care settings.</p> <p><b>Capacity Building</b> – Identifying, supporting, and advocating for the enhancement and expansion of midwifery educational and clinical training opportunities that emphasize its independence as an art and science, explicitly focusing on the intersections of US midwifery history as it relates to the socio-cultural context of obstetrical care, reproductive justice, birth equity, respectful care, and integrative care models that uplift human rights, honor the value of cultural concordance, and resist the medico-technocratic-patriarchal model of medicine.</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Citywide Doula Initiative</u></a></p>	<p>Citywide (<a href="#"><u>TRIE neighborhoods</u></a>, shelters, and foster homes in all 5 boroughs)</p>	<p>The Citywide Doula Initiative (CDI) is a mayoral initiative, now codified in 2022’s Local Law 85, that works to improve birth outcomes and address NYC’s inequities in maternal and infant morbidity and mortality in three ways:</p> <p><b>Direct services</b> – Providing professional, no-cost birth doula services to eligible residents of TRIE (Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity) neighborhoods, as well as those living in a homeless shelter or in foster care.</p> <p><b>Capacity building</b> – Building and strengthening the doula workforce, including by training and mentoring community members as doulas.</p> <p><b>Doula-friendly hospitals</b> – Supporting hospitals in creating doula-friendly environments and referring patients for doula support.</p> <p>CDI staff and partners also collaborate with community-based, government, and health-care partners to work toward systems-level change, such as Medicaid reimbursement for doulas and a doula-friendly hospital designation.</p> <p><b>CDI Partner Organizations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ancient Song Doula Services</li> <li>o By My Side Birth Support Program</li> <li>o Community Health Center of Richmond</li> <li>o Caribbean Women’s Health Association</li> <li>o Hope and Healing Family Center</li> <li>o Mama Glow Foundation</li> <li>o Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership</li> <li>o The Mothership</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>By My Side Birth Support Program</u></a></p>	<p>Brooklyn</p>	<p>By My Side is DOHMH’s original doula program, founded in 2010 and operated by Healthy Start Brooklyn. It is the model for and one of the partners in the Citywide Doula Initiative. After more than a decade of serving low-income, predominantly Black and Latina residents of central and eastern Brooklyn, the program has now expanded to support residents of TRIE neighborhoods throughout the borough, as part of the CDI.</p>
<p>Healthy Women, Healthy Futures</p>	<p>Citywide</p>	<p>Healthy Women, Healthy Futures (HWHF) was created by the New York City Council in 2014 to provide birth and postpartum doula care to women living in NYC, with priority given to those with an elevated risk for negative</p>

		<p>maternal and infant health outcomes. The program also trains community members as doulas, thus increasing the diversity of the doula workforce in the city and the capacity to provide culturally relevant services. HWHF services are provided by three contractors, with fiscal administration by DOHMH.</p> <p><b>HWHF Partner Organizations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Brooklyn Perinatal Network</li> <li>o Community Health Center of Richmond</li> <li>o Caribbean Women’s Health Association</li> </ul>
<p>“State of Doula Care in NYC” reports</p>	<p>Citywide</p>	<p>Each year, the Health Department publishes a report on the “State of Doula Care in NYC.” Mandated in 2018 by Local Law 187, the report includes a plan for increasing access to doulas for pregnant people in the city, areas and populations in which residents have especially poor birth outcomes, known doula programs, and updates on major developments in the doula community during the past year. The five reports published to date serve as a resource for many in the doula community, as well as elected officials and academics. Reports may be found at <a href="http://nyc.gov/health/doula">http://nyc.gov/health/doula</a>.</p>

TRIE (Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity) Neighborhoods: Underserved communities identified by the Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity and most adversely impacted by COVID-19. In addition, these are communities that have high rates of other health and socioeconomic disparities.