

Press Release

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Local Midwife Named Certified Professional Midwife #2000

The North American Registry of Midwives will soon be announcing a significant milestone - the certification of 2000 professional midwives!

NARM has been certifying qualified midwives since 1994. Certified Professional Midwives may take various educational and training routes to midwifery, but all must pass standardized skills requirements and the NARM exam. Most also seek a separate license in the state(s) in which they practice. As independent primary care providers, CPMs offer mothers more flexible options in their maternity care, and empowerment to make their own informed decisions and choices about their births.

The 2000th CPM is Lorri Ellen Carr, owner of Highland Midwife Birth Services in Goldendale, Washington. She is also licensed in Washington, the state which demands the highest training requirements prior to taking the licensing exams.

Lorri has over 20 years experience in birth, including as an OB/GYN provider in a busy medical clinic. She began private home birth practice in 2009, which has already resulted in 75 babies safely and gently delivered in the comfort of their parents' homes. Safety and quality of care are primary objectives of her practice, which is accomplished in part by education of parents and emphasis on excellent nutrition, including herbal medicine. Ensuring midwives for the future by training students is a high priority for her.

She has worked to bring together various types of midwives and other medical providers in her area, and promote public awareness of birth options by designing websites free of charge for other local licensed midwives, CPMs, lay midwives, nurse-midwives, and physicians. Believing that home birth clients are best served with good teamwork and backup, she works with Sunrise Midwifery in Prosser to provide women's health care and maternity services throughout south-central Washington and into Oregon.

More information about Lorri's education and practice can be found on her website www.HighlandMidwife.com, along with resources and information for expectant parents, no matter how or where they plan to give birth. More information about CPM certification can be found at NARM.org.