

The recent legislation for the Midwifery-led Birth Centers (MBCs) have made lots of progress, yet we have not crossed the finish line!!! Although we have been able to see the MBC Bill (A10440 / S1414) pass unanimously out of the Assembly and the Senate, we need the Governor to sign it into law. We will have TEN DAYS upon when it lands on his desk to urge his support. It will take continued COMMUNITY ACTION! Thank you for taking the time to call Governor Cuomo: (518) 474-8390 between 9 to 5pm EST or [send a message](#) with this script as your guide:

Sample Script for Governor Cuomo's office:

Hi, I'm a New York State resident from _____ and I'm calling to urge Governor Cuomo to sign A259A/S1414A into law to create a more accessible and equitable pathway for midwifery birth centers to open in our state. NY families deserve more safe, out-of-hospital birthing options!

(People have written more elaborate messages impassioned with their personal flair and their story. Feel free to email hello@thebirthingplace.co to share what you wrote so we can add it to our Community Expressions of [#wedesevberthcenters](#))

Also thanks so much to all the people taking action to help inform senators about the need for more birth centers throughout New York. Below is a sample of what is possible to include. Follow link: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/A10440> , to send a message directly to the folks who represent your district. OR to keep it simple, just follow that link and click to VOTE “AYE” in support of the legislation (FYI although it has passed the senate, it is not too late to vote Aye to show how many people support this bill)! Thank you again!!

Sample Script for message to your Senators:

“I am a [mother, father, parent, concerned citizen, birthworker, lactation consultant] from [the Bronx, Westchester, Manhattan, etc]. There has been a LONG-STANDING need for New Yorkers to have more birthing options- presently, there are very limited alternatives to hospital birth, which are not readily accessible, nor enough to meet the need. A wonderful team of birth workers are working to open a free-standing midwifery-led birth center in the Bronx, called The Birthing Place, which aims to be accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers. This is important and needed by Bronx families, and will help improve care, birth outcomes and families’ experiences. Furthermore, beyond the Bronx, we need birth centers throughout New York State - all communities deserve this option for care.

Midwife-led birth centers are long overdue throughout New York, despite a great deal of evidence pointing to how midwives improve birth outcomes for families. Our community would like to see this new center opened. This legislation will help make this center possible, and ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to its development. I personally urge you to pass this bill in support of families across NYS.

Thank you,
[Your Name]”

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