

# Office of Midwifery Registration Newsletter



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## News Update 2008

### \*Online Registration Services\*

The Division of Registrations continues to encourage usage of the Registrations Online Services. After a simple registration process, you may now:

- Renew your license using a credit card as soon as your license becomes eligible for renewal
- Update your mailing address and contact information
- Check the status of a pending application

The DLS Registration Online system at <https://www.doradls.state.co.us/index.php> makes it easier for all licensed professionals to renew and update their mailing information. For detailed instructions on how to use the online system go to <http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/FAQs.htm>.

### SELF REPORT

When you receive a felony conviction or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony the information needs to be reported to this office. Include a copy of the court documents along with your license information.

If your midwifery license is disciplined in another state, you need to self-report to this office. Include a copy of the disciplinary document along with your licensure information in Colorado.

All documents should be sent to: Midwifery Registration, Suite 1350, 1560 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202

### NICKNAMES

Midwifery Registration requires that applicants be registered in their legal name. When you use a nickname in your practice, your clients may be misinformed into thinking that you are unregistered because they are unable to find your registration in the [Automated Licensure Information System Online \(ALISON\)](#) under your nickname.

### NEWLY REGISTERED MIDWIVES

We have had seven new midwives register since the 2007 newsletter was mailed: Carrie Blake, Donnelly Dominguez, Julia Fritz, Julie Hughes, Karen Robinson, Bethany Steed and Christine Warner. Congratulations and welcome to the practice!

### COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE

Between September 2007 and August 2008, nine new complaints were filed against lay midwives in Colorado. The allegations include failure to have emergency plan, failure to refer, failure to file birth certificate, failure to keep appropriate records, infant death, practicing without a registration, substance abuse, substandard care, and failure to make essential entries in the patient's record. In the same time period, three complaints were dismissed, and four are still open. The following registrations were disciplined since last year's newsletter was printed:

Registrant's Name	Date	Conduct	Disciplinary Sanction
Theanna Lee Sparrow Davis	03/28/2008	Unlicensed practice	Injunction
Margaret Schraishuhn	04/16/2008	Failure to keep appropriate records	Letter of Admonition

\* To view disciplinary documents dating from January 1, 1999 to the present, please visit Registrations Online Documents (ROD) at [www.dora.state.co.us/doraimages](http://www.dora.state.co.us/doraimages)



## **LAST YEAR'S STATISTICS**

The results of the 2007 statistical survey are as follows:

1. The number of women to whom midwifery care was provided: 912
2. The number of women receiving only midwifery care: 696
3. The number of deliveries performed: 628
4. The number of Apgar scores of delivered infants in the following groupings:

One Minute 0–3: <u>8</u>	Five Minutes 0–3: <u>2</u>
One Minute 3–6: <u>47</u>	Five Minutes 3–6: <u>10</u>
One Minute 7–10: <u>561</u>	Five Minutes 7–10: <u>616</u>
5. The number of prenatal transfers: 64
6. The number of transfers during labor and/or delivery: 68
7. The number of transferred mothers immediately following birth within first 24 hours: 12
8. The number of transferred infants immediately following birth within first 24 hours: 12
9. The number of perinatal deaths: 5
10. The number of maternal deaths: 0
11. The number of VBAC women to whom midwifery care was provided: 44
12. The number of VBAC women who delivered at home: 30
13. The number of VBAC women transferred during labor and/or delivery: 8

This is an increase in total numbers, as the 2006 statistics showed 818 women receiving midwifery care, 624 receiving only midwifery care, and 564 midwife deliveries.

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### **Name and Address Changes**

#### ***Update Your Mailing Address***

It is imperative that all licensees and registrants keep their mailing address updated with the Office of Midwifery Registration.

The office mails renewal information to the licensee and registrant at the last address furnished to the Office of Midwifery Registration.

Failure to receive such a renewal notice does not relieve the licensee or registrant of the obligation to submit a timely renewal.

**You may update your mailing address at**

**<https://www.doradls.state.co.us/>**

