

### **About TeamBirth and Ariadne Labs:**

- TeamBirth is an innovative approach to improve communication and teamwork in childbirth pioneered by Ariadne Labs' Delivery Decision Initiative (DDI). Ariadne Labs is a joint center for health systems innovation at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
- Founded by Neel Shah, MD, MPP, DDI is a research and social impact program focused on transforming childbirth care around the world so that every person can start or grow their family with dignity. Amber Weiseth, DNP, MSN, RNC-OB, is the current Director of DDI.
- TeamBirth operationalizes best practices in communication, teamwork, and clinical care and was developed in collaboration with experts from major professional organizations as well as birthing people. The goal is to ensure these practices are occurring reliably with all patients throughout every labor. TeamBirth aims to provide all people giving birth and the clinicians who are caring for them with shared input and understanding into decisions during labor and delivery.
- TeamBirth was designed to address safety, dignity and equity gaps in the health care system. By elevating the role and voice of women and birthing people, we created a system which promotes healthy teamwork and shared accountability. We are currently undertaking a study to assess the impact of TeamBirth on perceptions of autonomy being heard and respected.
- By the end of 2022, TeamBirth will be implemented in more than 70 hospitals across the United States, thus improving the safety and dignity of hundreds of thousands of women and birthing people.

### **TeamBirth and Oklahoma:**

- Oklahoma is the first state in the U.S. to implement TeamBirth across all birthing hospitals in the state, supported by HRSA and the Department of Health.
- As of 2022, 20 of the 43 hospitals will have implemented TeamBirth in Oklahoma.