

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.
- TeamBirth is a communication and teamwork process that closes gaps in communication that challenge the safety and dignity of people giving birth.
- A central component of the TeamBirth model is a shared planning board located in all labor and delivery and postpartum rooms to name the team, elevate the patient's preferences, outline care plans and progress for the patient and the baby. This serves as an ongoing shared reference for the team and establishes closed loop communication.
- The goal is to empower all members of the care team - including the patient themselves - to play an active role in shared decision-making to improve the safety and quality of care.
- TeamBirth ensures people giving birth and the clinicians who are caring for them have shared input and understanding into decisions during labor and delivery and postpartum.
- As of October 2025, TeamBirth will be implemented in more than 250 hospitals across 22 of the United States, thus improving the safety and dignity of hundreds of thousands of women and birthing people. TeamBirth is also being implemented in 5 other countries across the globe.

TeamBirth in Oklahoma:

- Oklahoma is the first state in the U.S. to implement TeamBirth across all birthing hospitals in the state, facilitated by OPQIC and supported by HRSA and the Department of Health.
- After the launch at Choctaw Nation, 40 of the 41 delivering hospitals in Oklahoma will have implemented TeamBirth.

About OPQIC: <https://opqic.org>

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The mission of the Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (OPQIC) is to provide leadership and engage interested stakeholders in a collaborative effort to improve the health outcomes for Oklahoma women and infants using evidence-based practice guidelines and quality improvement processes. OPQIC works with Oklahoma birthing hospitals and perinatal care providers of all types to improve perinatal care of Oklahoma mothers and newborns by collaborating with partners to identify and remove barriers to providing safe, quality and equitable perinatal care.

OPQIC is operated by the Foundation for a Healthy Oklahoma, the non-profit arm of the Oklahoma Hospital Association.