



What is a Certified Nurse-Midwife?

A Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) is a registered nurse with advanced education to provide specialized health care to women of all ages including:

- Annual Exams & Pap Smears
- Family Planning
- Prenatal Care
- Child Birth
- Postpartum Care
- Gynecological Care
- Menopausal Counseling

A CNM believes that pregnancy and birth are normal processes that can be enhanced through education, health care, and supportive intervention.



Outcomes

Studies examining the outcomes of birth center care reveal the safety of midwifery-led care as well as consistently low obstetric intervention rates.

-Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health, 2013



The C-section rate for low-risk women giving birth in hospitals is approximately 25% versus 6% for those delivering in birthing centers in the United States.

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"Anyone who has ever seen a midwife with a woman in labor or been delivered by a midwife would never go back to a doctor."

-Dr. Terry L. Cole, a CA obstetrician
Every Baby Magazine, August 2004



Insurance

Birth & Women's Health Center will accept most major insurance companies including Blue Cross & Blue Shield and Medicaid.



Vision Statement

To provide women and their families with a safe and welcoming retreat that respects spiritual, physical, social, psychological, and economic needs.



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**For more information
about Nurse-Midwives**

www.birthcenters.org

www.midwife.org

**We pray for holy births
and howling babies.**

-Varney's Midwifery, 2004

Birth & Women's Health Center



Safe, sensitive care for
women of all ages.

Birth & Women's Health Center

...providing an alternative for childbearing families who anticipate a low-risk pregnancy and birth. We believe that childbearing is a normal event, not an illness. Within limits of safety, the entire birth experience can be as individualized as the client desires.

History

BWHC opened in 2004 and is licensed by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment. It was built as a cooperative effort by Amish & Mennonite churches in Reno County who continue to provide board oversight.

Management

The Birth Center is managed by two Certified Nurse-Midwives in a collaborative practice agreement with a physician.

Collaboration

Our primary collaborating physician is James Decker, D.O., of Family Practice Medicine in Sterling, KS. The Birth Center is also in collaboration with:

- OB/GYNs at Hutchinson Clinic Women's Care
- Pediatrix, Neonatologists at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, KS

Meet the Midwives



**Lois Yoder,
CNM, APRN**

Director Lois Yoder, CNM, APRN, fulfilled her dream of becoming a nurse-midwife in 1982 when she graduated from the Nurse Midwifery Education Program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS.

Lois is a seasoned midwife with experience that includes 17 years in South America as a rural missionary. She has attended 3,400 births and still loves mothers and babies.



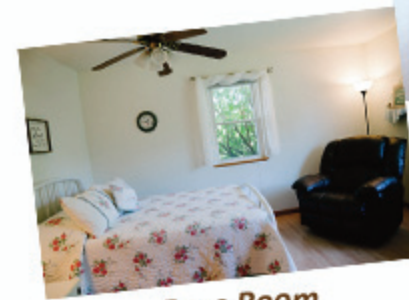
**Angel Schmutz,
MSN, CNM, APRN**

Angel Schmutz, CNM, APRN, is a 2003 graduate of KU Medical Center in Kansas City, KS with a master's degree in nurse-midwifery. She has 6 years of experience as a hospital labor and delivery nurse.

Angel is the mother of four children. She is married to Reverend Rob Schmutz, a Nazarene Evangelist. Angel and Rob have built their home in the Yoder, KS area.

Facility

Birthing Rooms



Rose Room



Garden Room

**Private bathrooms
with air jet tubs
for labor relaxation**



Delighted Patients

