

# **CJ Blennerhassett**

**Registered Midwife at Kensington Midwives**

Toronto, ON, CA

Registered Midwife and activist with a focus on informed choice, reproductive rights, & the provision of inclusive care for LGBTQ families.

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## **Description**

CJ graduated with honours from the McMaster Midwifery Education Program in 2016. She was born in Nova Scotia, Canada and raised in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. She now spend time in both Ontario and Nova Scotia.

As part of her training she completed placements in Toronto, Hamilton, Nova Scotia and Doesburn, Netherlands. She believes that the philosophy of midwifery care strongly supports clients, families and communities to be actively involved in all aspects of care and in this way midwives are able to navigate and combat systems of oppression during a time of intense transformation.

CJ is Chair of the Canadian Association of Midwives National Advisory Board on Gender Equity and Diversity, co-founder of a national Queer Caucus of Canadian Midwives, and a member of the Midwifery Advisory Committee at BORN Ontario. In addition to midwifery work she is an editor at Shameless, a feminist magazine for youth, an active member of the Toronto Street Medics Steering Committee, and a solo parent and queer activist.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Fund-Raising, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Providers, Health and Wellness, Research, Social Media, Social Services, Training and Development, Non-Profit/Charitable, Mental Health Care, Media - Online, Media - Print, Media Production, Medical/Dental Practice, Program Development, Political Organization, Writing and Editing, Women

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## **Topics**

Pregnancy, Pregnancy and Abuse, Pregnancy and Postpartum Issues, pregnancy and sport, Pregnancy Loss, Abortion, Abortion in Canada, Abortion Rights , Birth Control, Birth, Choice of Birthplace, Informed Consent, Midwifery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Obstetrics, Reproductive Health, Reproductive Rights, Fertility, Activism, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression, Editing & Writing, Editing, Writing, Research, Healthcare, Baby care, Breastfeeding, Postpartum care, Circumcision, Street Medic, Medic, Midwife, Placenta, Homebirth, Epidural, Full Spectrum Midwifery, High Risk Pregnancy, Low Risk Pregnancy, Moxibustion, External Cephalic Version, Parenting, Mothering, Single Parenting, Single Parents, Multiple Pregnancy, Twin Pregnancy, Vaccination, Health, Health & Healing, Health & Healthcare Law and Policy, Community Outreach, Evidence-Based Medicine, Evidence-Based Practice, Gynecology, Grassroots Organizing, Children, Women's Rights, Feminism, Queer Healthcare, LGBTQ Politics, LGBTQ, Intersectional Feminism, Anti-oppressive, Anti-racist

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## **Affiliations**

Chair of the Canadian Association of Midwives National Advisory Board on Gender Equity and Diversity,  
Founder of the Canadian Caucus of Queer Midwives, Active member of Toronto Street Medics

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## **Education**

### **McMaster University**

Bachelor of Health Sciences in Midwifery

### **Saint Mary's University**

Bachelor of Arts Honours Criminology, Psychology

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Registered Midwife**

CJ is registered with the College of Midwives of Ontario and is an active member of the Association of Ontario Midwives. She holds current certifications in Neonatal Resuscitation, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Skills.

### **Front of Book Editor**

Shameless Magazine - <http://shamelessmag.com>

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