

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.

Biography

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.

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

Areas of Expertise

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

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

Education

McMaster University

Bachelor of Health Sciences in Midwifery

Saint Mary's University

Bachelor of Arts Honours Criminology, Psychology

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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