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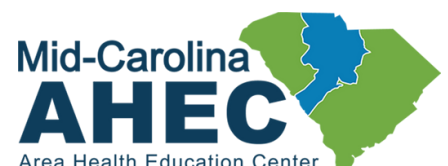
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## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

**AHEC:** This program is approved for 8.75 clock hours of continuing education by Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc. and meets the SC AHEC Continuing Education Best Practice Standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.

**NURSING:** Mid-Carolina AHEC is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This nursing continuing education activity approval # 2408-010PR-106 has been approved for 8.75 hours.

**SOCIAL WORKERS:** This program has been approved by the SC Board of Social Work Examiners for 8.75 clock hours of NON-social work continuing education.



# PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

## Perinatal Substance Use: Addressing Myths and Identifying Strategies for Support

### **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: The Impact of Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies**

**Speaker: Amy Hendricks, B.S.**

This interactive session will help participants understand the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure on the developing fetal brain, characteristics, and prevalence of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD), as well as recognizing the role we all play in preventing alcohol exposed pregnancies and FASD.

### **Perinatal Substance Use and What to Say**

**Speaker: Melissa Godwin**

This presentation will provide a brief overview of perinatal substance use and what to say. It will include a brief overview of THC, Opioids and Stimulants, screening and brief intervention, and connecting to treatment.

### **NC Treatment Resources for Pregnant or Parenting with a SUD**

**Speaker: Judith Johnson-Hostler**

The following material will be covered:

- Overview of barriers to accessing treatment for pregnant and parenting women
- The Benefits of Gender Responsive Care
- NC Treatment facilities for pregnant and Parenting Women with SUD

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**SOCIAL WORKERS:** This program has been approved by the SC Board of Social Work Examiners for 1.0 clock hours of social work and 2.0 clock hours of NON-social work continuing education.

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## Unboxing the Respectful Maternity Care Toolkit: Find out what it means to EveryONE

**Speaker: Shawana Burnette, DNP, RNC-OB, NEA-BC, CLNC, FAWHONN**

Time: 12:45PM-4:00PM

- Participants will understand the elements of the AWHONN Respectful Maternity Care Toolkit and Framework.
- Participants will learn to evaluate environments of care in order to improve barriers to respectful care environments, inclusive work cultures, and equitable outcomes.
- Participants will be challenged to think differently about what Respectful Care means to each individual.

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

12:15pm-12:45pm	<b>Pre-Conference Registration</b>
12:45pm-4:00pm	<b>Pre-Conference Workshop 1</b> Perinatal Substance Use: Addressing Myths and Identifying Strategies for Support   Amy Hendricks, B.S, Melissa Godwin, and Judith Johnson-Hostler
12:45pm-4:00pm	<b>Pre-Conference Workshop 2</b> Unboxing the Respectful Maternity Care Toolkit: Find out what it means to EveryONE Shawana Burnette, DNP, RNC-OB, NEA-BC, CLNC, FAWHONN
4:00pm-5:30pm	<b>Early Conference Registration</b>
5:30pm-7:00pm	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Reception at the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center</b> Friendly VIP bowling competition with you NC and SC colleagues! Pizza and soft drinks provided; arcade games and additional menu items available for purchase

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

7:30am-8:15am	<b>Conference Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>
8:15am-8:30am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
8:30am-9:30am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>Reproductive Technology: Contemporary Trends &amp; Care Considerations for the Childbearing Family</b> Eleanor Stevenson, PhD, RN, FAAN
9:30am-10:30am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>Combating Perinatal Health Inequities with Tech Tactics</b> Rasheeta Chandler, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
10:30am-11:00am	<b>Break - Exhibit Hall &amp; Posters</b>
11:00am-12:00pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions Group A:</b> <b>Session 1</b> <b>Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy</b> Kerry Tobin, PT, DPT, COMT <b>Session 2</b> <b>A Doula Payment Roadmap</b> Venus Standard, MSN,CNM, APRN, FACNM, LCCE, CD(DONA) <b>Session 3</b> <b>NOWS and NAS: Where We Stand With Withdrawal</b> Megan Brock McGowan, MD, MS
12:00pm-1:30pm	<b>Business Luncheon   Exhibit Hall</b> NC Perinatal Association and SC Perinatal Association (Members & Non-Members Welcome)

- 1:30pm-2:30pm      **Concurrent Sessions Group B:**
- Session 1**      **Maternal Obesity**  
Renata Sawyer, MD
- Session 2**      **Strategies to Optimize Breastfeeding**  
Hope Lima, PhD, RDN, IBCLC
- Session 3**      **Late Preterm Newborns: Special Considerations and Insights from Collaborative Project to Improve Outcomes**  
Kathy Poehling, MD, MPH
- 2:30pm-3:00pm      **Break - Exhibit Hall & Posters**

- 3:00pm-4:45pm      **Documentary with Q&A**
- High Risk: Black Mothers Protecting Themselves and Their Babies**  
Nicole Carr, MD and Born Logic Allah



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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

- 8:00am-8:30am      **Conference Registration & Breakfast**
- 8:30am-9:30am      **Keynote**
- The Resurgence of Syphilis and the Impact on Maternal Health**  
Shannon Dowler, MD, CPE, FAAFP
- 9:30am-10:00am      **Break - Exhibit Hall & Posters**
- 10:00am-11:00am      **Keynote**
- Indigenous Motherhood: Lived Experiences and the Implications for Non-Indigenous Care Providers**  
Hilary Harris, FNP and Laney Buckley
- 11:00am-12:00pm      **Keynote**
- Public Payer Policy as a Lever to Drive Maternal Health Outcomes**  
Shannon Dowler, MD, CPE, FAAFP
- 12:00pm-12:15pm      **Closing Remarks**



# HOTEL INFORMATION

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- For online booking use the link below or call the resort direct at (828) 497-7777 and reference code **S09NCPA**.

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**Hotel Deadline: August 9, 2025**

# POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Posters will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall during the conference. If you are interested in sharing your perinatal expertise, experience, or innovations, please contact Lori Hubbard at [elonurse@gmail.com](mailto:elonurse@gmail.com).

Be recognized for the great work you do! Poster winners will receive a free registration for the 2026 Perinatal Partnership Conference!

**\*Poster abstract submission deadline is July 31, 2025.**

# EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS

Are you interested in being an Exhibitor or Sponsor at this year's conference?

### Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities:

- ☐ Bronze (Exhibitor Level): \$600.00
- ☐ Silver (Breakfast/Break Sponsor): \$850.00
- ☐ Gold (Lunch/Opening Reception Sponsor): \$1100.00
- ☐ Non-Profit: \$100.00
- ☐ **Vendor: \$75.00 plus 10% of sales\***

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# 29th Annual Perinatal Partnership Conference REGISTRATION FORM



Harrah's Cherokee Casino | Cherokee, NC | September 7, 2025-September 9, 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: ☐ Work ☐ Home

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Email is required to send your confirmation/CE access)

Disability or dietary needs? If so, please state: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Luncheon do you plan to attend on Monday:

☐ NC ☐ SC

Do you plan to attend the reception on Sunday, Sept. 7?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Join your state Perinatal Association to receive member rates!	New	Renew	Current Member
NCPA Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/>
SCPA Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/>

Conference Registration	Early Bird Before August 10	Regular Conference Rate After August 10, 2025		Onsite Registration
	Members Only	Member	Non-Member	Member & Non-Member
Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	<input type="checkbox"/> \$295	<input type="checkbox"/> \$330
Pre-conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100

If you plan to attend a pre-conference, please select which one you will attend:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-conference 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-conference 2
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## Concurrent Sessions- Monday, September 8, 2025

Please indicate which session you would like to attend in each of the breakout times listed below.

Concurrent Sessions Group A: 11:00AM-12:00PM	Concurrent Sessions B: 1:30PM-2:30PM
<input type="checkbox"/> A-1 Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> B-1 Maternal Obesity
<input type="checkbox"/> A-2 A Doula Payment Roadmap	<input type="checkbox"/> B-2 Strategies to Optimize Breastfeeding
<input type="checkbox"/> A-3 NOWS and NAS: Where We Stand With Withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> B-3 Late Preterm Newborns: Special Considerations and Insights from Collaborative Project to Improve Outcomes

## Payment Options



Mail completed form with payment to:

NC/SC Perinatal Partnership Conference  
PO Box 2049  
Lancaster, SC 29721

Make checks payable to NC/SC Perinatal Conference - SCPA Tax ID #57-0656784



Register online at  
**MidcarolinaAHEC.org**

For an additional \$10.00 fee, you may register online and pay through Paypal.

## Payment Summary

Membership Fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre-Conference ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We will not accept registration by phone or by fax unless accompanied by a purchase order. Cancellations received prior to August 10, 2025 will be honored, less a \$25 administrative fee. Substitutions are permitted.