



Improving Doula Access and Integration Community of Practice

[The New York Coalition for Doula Access](#) (NYCDA), in partnership with [Health Leads](#) and the [New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene](#), is launching a 12-month *Improving Doula Access and Integration Community of Practice* (CoP) — a learning community for people with common interests, concerns, or challenges in reproductive healthcare.

As Medicaid reimbursement for doulas in New York State rolls out, this CoP of doulas, clinicians, advocates and subject matter experts has a unique opportunity to broadly support and increase the accessibility of the expanding doula workforce to birthing individuals.

We are seeking dynamic individuals and groups, including:

- Clinical staff including OBGYNs, midwives, labor & delivery nurses, nurse managers
- Doula organizations and doulas from New York State
- NYCDA doula-friendly subcommittee and coalition members

CoP membership activities will include:

- Highlighting best practices and facilitating knowledge sharing to advance access to doula care and the integration of doulas into clinical care teams
- Sharing insights on doula-related policies and practices
- Collaborating and identifying gaps and barriers to doula integration in labor and delivery
- Provide a platform for bi-directional feedback between doulas and clinicians to strengthen their working relationship
- Engaging in mutual teaching, learning, and collaboration to improve the integration of doulas into the care team



If you are interested in joining the *Improving Doula Access and Integration Community of Practice*, please complete this [online form](#) by **March 15, 2024**.

For more information or questions, please email NYCDA@HealthLeadsUSA.org.