

2025 National Forum Discussion Questions



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Day Two: February 26th, 2025

General Questions

1. What was one moment that you strongly identified with?
2. What experiences and presentations stuck with you?
3. What made you laugh?
4. What is one thing you learned that you didn't know before?
5. Is there anything you would take back to your practice and/or community?
6. What do you think you need to do to motivate your leadership to begin and/or support a midwifery program?
7. Is there anything you feel NCIM can help you with?
8. Some communities have launched a midwifery committee that advocated for change organized events and helped bring midwifery back. Do you think there's a role for that kind of work in your community and where or who would do it?

Presentation Specific Questions:

Opening: (Host Evelyne Fischer and ED Laura Mayer)

1. Was there something that Evelyne shared that surprised you?
2. What do you think about reclaiming Indigenous midwifery education?
3. Are there people in your community who would be interested in becoming a midwife?
4. What is the history Indigenous midwifery in your community and how has it changed?

Anishinaabemowin: A journey to culture: Gina Mount

1. How does language impact your identity, practice and community?
2. What questions does this leave you with?
3. What kind of language resources exist in your community or remotely to support reclamation?
4. Do you think parents would use language references tools to speak with their children?

1. What did you learn about advocacy – for yourself or as a care provider?
2. What does bodily autonomy and consent look like for you and your culture?
3. Who do you think would benefit from a learning workshop like this in your community?
4. How do you think youth would be impacted by knowledge about their body?

Milk Medicine: Ancient Knowledge for Modern Healing: Cassie Smith/Stephanie George/Heather Heinrichs

1. What is the biggest barrier to chest/breastfeed babies in your community?
2. What would help increase the understanding of chest/breastfeeding babies?
3. What supports exist to support people on their lactating journey?
4. Are there teachings or knowledge that is specific to your community?

Event Closing: Elder Maria Campbell

1. Is there something from the forum or from Maria's closing remarks that are highlighting learnings that you would like to share with the community or follow up on somehow?
2. Are there initiatives or ideas that you might like to propose your community explore?
3. What do you think would be a natural launching point for these discussions to continue in your community?
4. Are there things you would like NCIM to know about your experience of the forum or your watch party gathering?