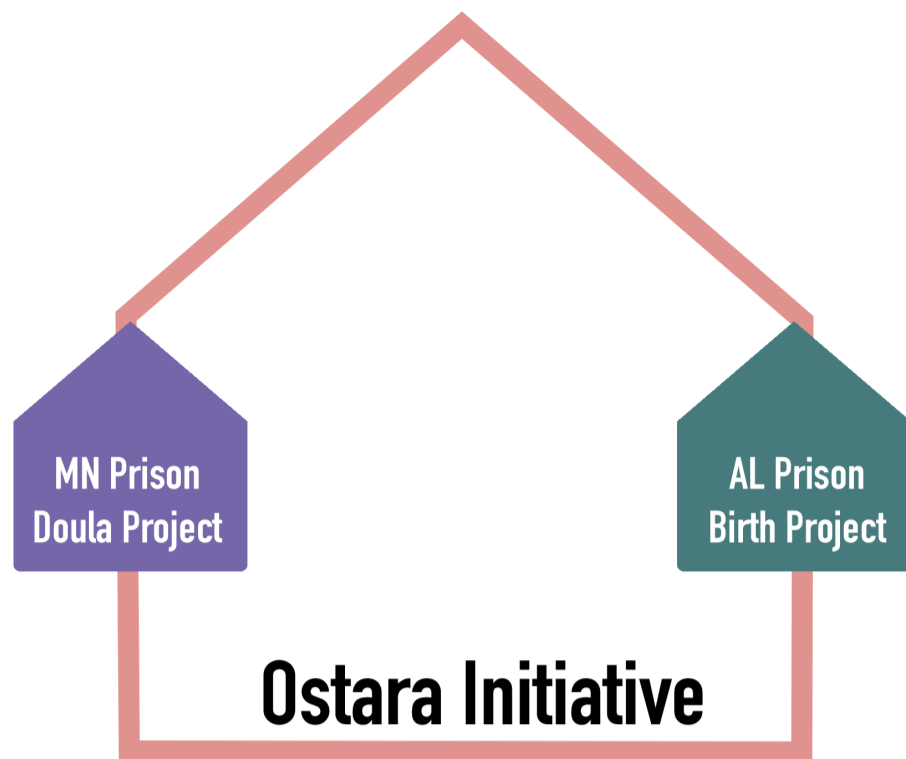

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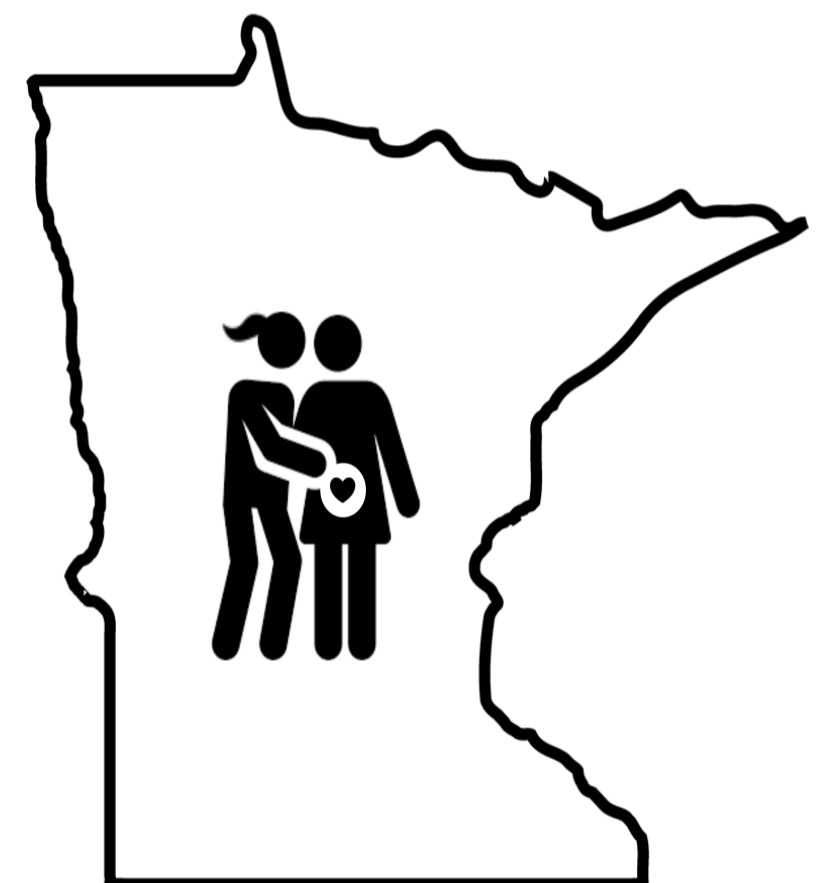
Alabama Prison Birth Project Merges with Ostara Initiative



On June 1, 2019, APBP will merge with Ostara Initiative, which is also the home of the Minnesota Prison Doula Project. The Minnesota Prison Doula Project has guided us in building our program since we incorporated in 2015. After a two-year exploration process, we've determined we can be more effective serving Alabama's incarcerated pregnant women by formally working together. This merger is an exciting opportunity for us to learn and grow!

WHO IS OSTARA INITIATIVE?

Ostara Initiative does the same thing we do: it supports incarcerated women by providing them with pregnancy and parenting education and counseling, as well as providing birth support from trained doulas. It works with women at Minnesota's only women's state prison and at county correctional facilities throughout the state. Ostara Initiative knows how to sustainably fund and grow this innovative programming while engaging all stakeholders, including corrections experts, maternal and child healthcare experts, and legislative changemakers.



WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON?



Mothers are our first home.

Our priority is and will always be supporting pregnant incarcerated mothers and their babies.



We want to improve newborn health.

A child born to a woman in custody should have every advantage we can give.



We are reimagining health and justice.

We envision a health and justice system in which there are no disparities and no one births alone.



We believe in humanity.

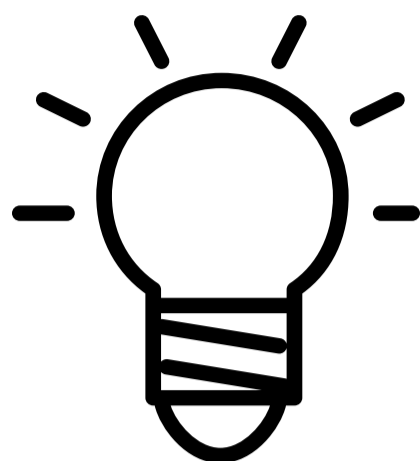
We believe in treating every mother with dignity, compassion, and respect.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE MERGER?



Shared overhead costs

Money will go further, and more women in Alabama can get help at more facilities.



Combined expertise

Shared knowledge and experience means we will be able to learn and grow so that we can better serve incarcerated mothers.



Sustainability and growth

Ostara Initiative has a proven record of success. We will be able to hire more staff, have more flexibility, and expand our services to more locations!

HOW WILL THE MERGER AFFECT OUR SUPPORTERS?

EXPANSION

Within two years of the merger, we hope to expand to county facilities in Alabama and hire 2-3 employees who can serve our new clients. Even more exciting, we will be able to grow without interrupting service!

Your donations, past and future, will still be used to support incarcerated mothers and their babies here in Alabama. Like the Alabama Prison Birth Project, Ostara Initiative is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so your tax benefits will be exactly the same after the merger.

Even though we will be merging with Ostara Initiative, our name and branding will remain exactly the same. We will be Alabama Prison Birth Project, a program of Ostara Initiative, and you will still find us at <http://prisonbirth.org>, where it is easy to make monthly, online gifts.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Your generous donations will continue to make a difference in the lives of pregnant incarcerated women and their babies in Alabama. We look forward to growing with you!

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The Alabama Prison Birth Project, formerly named East Alabama Birth Village, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit providing educational and emotional support to pregnant and postpartum incarcerated women in order to improve infant health and maternal connection.