



## Illinois Maternal Morbidity Digital Storytelling Workshop:

Collecting diverse perspectives from Illinois birthing persons on experiences of complications and challenges during pregnancy and the postpartum period.

### ***Call for Storytellers***

The I PROMOTE-IL Project at the University of Illinois at Chicago is working with [StoryCenter](#) to support birthing persons and their families across the state of Illinois in sharing their stories related to experiences of complications and challenges during pregnancy, labor and delivery, as well as in the postpartum period. Challenges can include physical conditions, chronic disease management, delivery complications, and/or mental health conditions and coping with substance use.

**We are recruiting birthing persons to attend a virtual Digital Storytelling Workshop.** The workshop will be held online over four weeks, and include five 2-hour group sessions and three individual sessions from August 9<sup>th</sup>- September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

At this workshop, selected participants will, with the support and guidance of StoryCenter facilitators:

- Verbally share a personal story about a pregnancy-related complication or challenge that they experienced
- Make an audio recording of this story
- Select / take photos and video clips to use to illustrate the story
- Learn through a hands-on computer tutorials how to edit these materials into a short video; *no prior storytelling or digital editing experience is needed*

The completed video stories will be shared on the I PROMOTE-IL Project's website and may be used in local and statewide efforts aimed at addressing disparities and improving outcomes in maternal health. Participants will receive a stipend at the end of the workshop; materials needed to complete the workshop virtually will also be provided.

**There are three scheduled information sessions taking place over Zoom:**

- a. Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 –11 am
- b. Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8 pm
- c. Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3 pm

**If you know someone who may be a good fit for this workshop, please have them contact**

**Abby Holicky at [holicky2@uic.edu](mailto:holicky2@uic.edu) to learn more and sign up for an information session. Thank you!**

[View a sample story](#) created in a StoryCenter digital storytelling workshop.