



Strengthening Families, One Baby at a Time

Riverside MOMobile Prison to Parenthood Project

Helping women to still be “Mommy” – even behind bars

Our Funding Partners

- PA Children’s Trust Fund
- Chace Fund
- Claneil Foundation
- Campbell Oxholm Foundation
- Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation
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- Fourjay Foundation
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- Lomax Family Foundation
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- Women’s Way

Maternity Care Coalition operates the Riverside MOMobile with the support of local funders and a 4-year, \$113,000 matching grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP). Working with local grantmakers, LFP joins the resources of a national foundation with local grantmakers and nonprofit organizations, so better health can take root in our communities.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supports ambitious new community solutions that meet people where health is happening—not just in hospitals or clinics but where they live, learn, work and play.

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Our Common Cause

- **Most of the 900 women in Philadelphia prisons are mothers.**
- For incarcerated women who are pregnant or mothers of very young children, a healthy pregnancy and a strong connection to their babies are vital to their successful re-entry.
- A successful return to community benefits two generations—the mother **and** her child.

Seeking Solutions

The Riverside MOMobile is an innovative collaboration between Maternity Care Coalition, a well-established community-based organization, and the Philadelphia Prison System.

Ambitious Improvements in Systems and Services

Housed within the Riverside Correctional Facility, MOMobile staff provides a hands-on service that helps women transition successfully to parenthood during and after incarceration.

Before release

- Peer educational groups for pregnant women and women with very young children
- Individual case management to develop parenting skills, links to community resources, and emotional support needed for return to community and family
- Doula (labor support) during labor and delivery
- Help for babies’ caregivers while the mother is incarcerated

After release

- Individual case management provides supportive home visits for up to one year after release
- Connections to resources needed for successful re-entry

Helping Better Health Take Root in Our Community

- Over 200 women served since 2007
- More than two-thirds of participants improved their knowledge of critical prenatal, postpartum and child-related issues
- Improved nutritional options for pregnant inmates
- Ended shackling of women during labor and delivery
- Attended over 22 births since May 2008
- **Reduced recidivism – in 2 years, only 35 (less than 20%) of MOMobile participants returned to Riverside (compared to 65% recidivism in Philadelphia jails overall)**