



PERINATAL  
SUPPORT  
WASHINGTON

# RESOURCES & REFERRALS FOR FAMILIES OF COLOR

*Community resources for pregnant and postpartum families in Washington State*

**FREE SUPPORT LINE: 1-888-404-7763 (PPMD).** Perinatal Support Washington's Warmline offers free telephone support. Talk to a mom who has been there or a licensed therapist. Leave a message and we'll call you back.

**FREE WELLNESS PLAN TEMPLATE** to keep track of your recovery plan: [perinatal-support.org/pdfs-to-download](http://perinatal-support.org/pdfs-to-download).

## THERAPISTS OF COLOR

*PROVIDERS LISTED HERE ARE NOT "SPECIALISTS" IN PERINATAL MOOD OR ANXIETY DISORDERS UNLESS NOTED.*

### King County:

**Ehioze Osadiaye.** Greenlake Psychotherapy.

444 NE Ravenna Blvd., #301, Seattle. (206) 790-6144.  
[www.greenlakepsychotherapy.com](http://www.greenlakepsychotherapy.com). Experience with PMADs.  
Insurance: Molina, Community Health Plan, Premera, Regence, First Plan, EAP, First Choice, Medicaid.

**Alyson Henry, LMFT.** 1620 Broadway, Suite 203, Seattle. (425) 440-3447. Does not accept insurance.

**Shirley Lytle.** 2025 112th Ave. NE, Suite 100, Bellevue. (425) 998-7123. <https://lwpc-wa.com/>. Does not accept insurance.

**Consejo** (Spanish counseling services). 3808 S. Angeline St, Seattle. (206) 461-4880. [consejonew.consejocounseling.org](http://consejonew.consejocounseling.org)

**Sea Mar Community Health Centers** (Spanish counseling services). Multiple locations. <http://www.seamar.org/index.html>.

**Asian Counseling and Referral Services (ACRS).** 3639 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S., Seattle. (206) 695-7600. <https://acrs.org/>.

**Seattle Indian Health Board.** 611-12th Ave S., Ste 200, Seattle. (206) 324-9360. <http://www.sihb.org/>.

**LaVonne Dorsey.** 6800 East Green Lake Way N., #260, Seattle. (206) 319-5706. [lavonnedorsey.com](http://lavonnedorsey.com). Couple, pre-marriage, transitional time for families.

### Pierce County:

**Phebe Brako-Owusu, LMFT.** 15 N. Broadway, Suite B, Tacoma. (253) 778-6636. <https://www.phebebrakolmft.com/>. Family-focused practice with a special focus on families working through the perinatal time. Insurance: Cigna, Regence, First Choice.

**Natasha Williams, LICSW** 1011 S. L Street Tacoma, WA 98405 (253) 213-3689 [www.mommyandme.com](http://www.mommyandme.com)  
Specialize in Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders and Child Counseling. Insurance: Regence, Premera, First Choice, United, Cigna

### Vancouver:

**Summer Brown, LMFT.** 910 NE Minnehaha St., Suite 5, Vancouver, WA. (360) 602-1477. <http://summerbrownlmft.com/>. Summer is a therapist who identifies as queer serving the LGBTQ community throughout the parenthood journey. Accepts all insurance and has a limited number of Medicaid openings.

## CONTACTING A NEW PROVIDER

Creating your own care plan can be difficult. Enlist a friend or family member to help you, and feel free to call Perinatal Support Washington's Warmline for help creating an individualized care plan.

Locating a new provider can also be challenging. It is important to feel comfortable with a provider, but stick to discussing logistics at first. Once you know they take your insurance and have appointments available, then you can share more about your story and see if they are a good fit for you.

### What to have on hand when you call a new provider:

- Insurance or health care card
- List of current medications

### Questions to ask:

- Do you have experience with postpartum mood and anxiety disorders?
- Do you take my insurance?
- What is your experience working with families of color?
- Can I bring my baby?
- Can I bring someone else (partner, parent, friend, doula) to the session with me?
- When is your soonest appointment?
- Do you do phone appointments (Note that insurance often won't cover this.)

### Snoqualmie Behavioral Health.

9450 Ethan Wade Way SE, Snoqualmie. (425) 888-6551, ext 6302. <http://www.snoqualmieltribe.us/behavioralhealth>. Services are available to Tribe members and Native Americans living in King County.

**Cowlitz Behavioral Health.** Various locations. (888) 528-7364. [www.cowlitzfamilyhealth.org](http://www.cowlitzfamilyhealth.org).

**Multicultural Counselors.** [multiculturalcounselors.org](http://multiculturalcounselors.org). An online resource to identify multicultural counselors in your area.

### Washington Counselors of Color Network.

<https://www.multiculturalcounselors.org/>. Assists individuals in connecting with multicultural counselors.

### African American Therapists.

<http://africanamericantherapists.com/african-american-therapists-directory/african-american-therapists-in-the-west/> and select Seattle.

## MEDICAL PRESCRIBERS OF COLOR

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**Amritha Bhat.** UW Roosevelt Medical Center. (206) 543-6577.

## NEW PARENT GROUPS

*Support groups can provide support for moms experiencing the everyday challenges of new parenthood and those experiencing postpartum emotional challenges.*

**Families of Color Seattle.** <https://www.focseattle.com/new-foc-homepage/register-for-a-group/>. Holds New Parent Groups all around the city of Seattle; ranging from dad-focused groups, transracial families, basic newborn care, and groups for 3-6 month olds.

**Balance After Birth for Women of Color.** A group for families processing the postpartum time; to find balance in the newness of life is vital to a successful parenthood journey. Babies up to 12 months are welcome. St Clare WIC Clinic Bridgeport Center, 11216 Bridgeport Way SW, Tacoma. (253) 588-9597. Thursdays 10-11:30. <http://perinatalsupport.org/item/balance-after-birth-for-women-of-color/>

## SUPPORT AT HOME

*It may help to have a support person at home with you and your baby to offer help with the baby or chores or just to listen.*

**Kiona Nessenbaum.** (206) 432-5341. [Kionanessenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:Kionanessenbaum@gmail.com). Kiona is a doula of color who takes a special interest in serving families of color in the pre- and postnatal time.

**Blaine Bennett.** (253) 753-7319. [Fbdoula@gmail.com](mailto:Fbdoula@gmail.com). Blaine Bennett is a doula of color who has a love for the postpartum time. She has a desire to help families make this time a smooth transition.

**Helen Martin.** (816) 223-7684 [www.bornreadydoula.com](http://www.bornreadydoula.com), [helen@bornreadydoula.com](mailto:helen@bornreadydoula.com). Helen is a doula of color who has a special passion for PMADs and working with families of color.

**Northwest Association for Postpartum Support (NAPS).** [www.napsdoulas.com](http://www.napsdoulas.com). Provides nurturing doula care for all mothers and families after birth. Call the Doula Referral Line at (206) 956-1955 or email [referrals@napsdoulas.com](mailto:referrals@napsdoulas.com) to help find a doula near you. Washington State.

**DoulaMatch.** [doulamatch.net/](http://doulamatch.net/). Searchable database of birth and postpartum doulas. Includes doula availability, verified credentials, contact information, and testimonials.

**Open Arms Perinatal Services.** <https://www.openarmsps.org/about-us/>. Provides services that support, educate, respect, honor, and empower women and their families from pregnancy through birth to early parenting.

## CRISIS SERVICES

**If you experience any of these symptoms, call 911, go to the emergency room, or use one of the resources below:**

- Being afraid to be by yourself
- Hearing sounds or voices that no one else does
- Having thoughts of harming yourself
- Having thoughts of harming your baby

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-8255

Get connected with a skilled, trained crisis counselor at a crisis center in your area. 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

## SEATTLE AREA FAMILY RESOURCES

**The Denise Louie Education Center.** <http://deniselouie.org/>. DLEC provides high-quality multicultural early education for kids, support and skills for new parents, as well as extra help for families in need, creating a supportive community for all.

**Families of Color Seattle.** <https://www.focseattle.org/>. Parent groups, classes, and events. Building a strong community by supporting families of color through parenting programs, resource sharing, and fostering meaningful connections.

**Open Arms Perinatal Services.** <https://www.openarmsps.org/about-us/>. Open Arms provides services that support, educate, respect, honor, and empower women and their families from pregnancy through birth to early parenting.

**Seattle Therapy Alliance.** A counseling organization established to provide affordable counseling for women-identified folks on their journeys toward healing. <http://seattletherapyalliance.com/>.

## LANGUAGE RESOURCES

**Perinatal Mood & Anxiety Disorders Resources in Other Languages.** <http://www.postpartum.net/resources/resources-in-other-languages/>.

**Pacific Postpartum Society** provides the option to translate its website into the following languages: Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Punjabi, and Spanish. <http://postpartum.org/>.

**PSI International warmline.** (800) 944-4773(4PPD), #1. Apoyo de PSI para las familias hispano parlantes. Llame al número de teléfono gratuito para obtener recursos, apoyo e información gratuita. Déjenos un mensaje y un voluntario le devolverá la llamada.

## SMARTPHONE APPLICATIONS

**MommyMeds.** Check safety of medications used while pregnant and breastfeeding.

**LactMed.** Check safety of medications used while pregnant and breastfeeding as well as review research summaries.

**MGH Perinatal Depression Scale (MGHPDS).** Screening for perinatal depression.

## ONLINE SUPPORT

**Postpartum Support International's Closed Facebook Group.** [www.facebook.com/groups/25960478598](http://www.facebook.com/groups/25960478598)

**Postpartum Support International's private online forum.** [www.smartpatients.com/partners/postpartumprogress](http://www.smartpatients.com/partners/postpartumprogress).

**PPMD Support Group chatroom.** [www.tapatalk.com/groups/postpartumdepression](http://www.tapatalk.com/groups/postpartumdepression).

**Solace for Mothers.** Online support community for traumatic birth. <http://www.solaceformothers.org/online-forum/online-community-for-mothers/>

## ONLINE INFORMATION & RESOURCES

*Online resources can be helpful when leaving the house. These are our trusted resources.*

**Perinatal Support Washington.** [www.perinatalsupport.org](http://www.perinatalsupport.org). Information and resources for families and professionals in Washington state.

**Postpartum Support International.** [www.postpartum.net](http://www.postpartum.net). Information and resources for families and professionals.

**Postpartum Dads.** [www.postpartumdads.org](http://www.postpartumdads.org). Help for dads and families by providing first-hand information and guidance through postpartum depression.

**Perinatal Mental Health Alliance for Women of Color.** <http://www.pmhawoc.org/>.

### **Every Mother Counts.**

<https://www.everymothercounts.org/pages/about>. We educate the public about maternal health, engage individuals to advocate for the well-being of mothers, and invest in community-led programs to improve access to essential maternity care.

### **Postpartum Collective.**

<https://www.facebook.com/postpartumcollective>. Fourth trimester education, planning and coaching.

**Tessera Collective.** <http://www.tesseracollective.org/>. Mental health resource for girls and women of color. Includes online support group and therapist directory.

### **Postpartum Progress: Warrior Moms of Color Archives.**

<http://www.postpartumprogress.com/category/warrior-moms/warrior-moms-of-color>. (not currently being updated)

### **A'Driane Nieves.**

<http://www.addyeb.com/butterflyconfessions>. A writer, artist, activist, and speaker with a heart for serving others and social good. A mental health advocate living with bipolar disorder, and a survivor of postpartum depression and anxiety.

**Tyrese Coleman.** What it's like having PPD as a Black Woman. [https://www.buzzfeed.com/tyresecoleman/what-its-like-having-post-partum-depression-when-youre-black?utm\\_term=.oxrpjVEj6q#.nfYARVo0Qx](https://www.buzzfeed.com/tyresecoleman/what-its-like-having-post-partum-depression-when-youre-black?utm_term=.oxrpjVEj6q#.nfYARVo0Qx).

**Mater Mea.** A great resource that shows women of color at the intersection of motherhood and career. [Matermea.com](http://Matermea.com) and on Facebook.

### **Black and Married with Kids blog:**

<https://blackandmarriedwithkids.com/>.