

Strengthening Teamwork



How to Start Bridging Community Midwives & EMS

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." --Henry Ford

01 Find Your Local Agency

An address search will usually help you identify the primary 911 response agency for your area. Or, go to: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/ems/index.html> and select the map layer "Agency Primary Response Area" to identify local resources.

02 Review Local EMS Protocols

Review the Operating Protocols that EMS providers will be following. Note which interventions are BLS, and which are ALS. Links to WA regional EMS protocols can be found on the Smooth Transitions Website.

03 Contact Your Local Agency

Call your local 911 Response Agency and ask to speak to the Medical Safety Officer (MSO). Explain that you are a local Community Midwife and you would like to arrange a meeting to introduce yourself and meet the crews.

04 Arrange a Meet & Greet

A presentation and script for a "Meet & Greet" is available on the Smooth Transitions Website. This first meeting is all about building relationships and paving the way for future collaboration.

