

## Respectful Maternity Care - Contemporary Approaches

The workshop will explore Respectful Maternity Care - Contemporary Approaches  
– the challenges and opportunities.

The day will be interactive delving into the many facets that contribute to respectful maternity care.

*"A woman's experience of maternity care will influence the outcomes of her birth, the success of her mothering career, and the long-term wellness of her child."*

Safe Motherhood is more than the prevention of death and disability. It is respect for every woman's humanity, feelings, choices, and preferences. Every woman receiving maternity care should feel valued, respected, and appreciated by those who aid her in bringing new life into the world. While many interventions aim to improve access to skilled birth care, less attention has been focused on the quality of relationships with caregivers during maternity care.

*Considerable evidence indicates that respecting and partnering with women - respectful care - is an essential component of safe care.*

Safe Motherhood for All is working to improve maternal health by promoting and advocating for respectful maternity care for all women during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the time after birth.

*As a united voice, we can work to achieve a National Maternity Services Framework based on The Respectful Maternity Care - The Universal Rights of Childbearing Women.*

The information collected at the symposium will be written up and made publicly available.

**Date:** Friday 28 October 2016  
**Time:** Meet from 0930 Commence 1000 to 1530  
**Venue:** Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture 15 Kings Ave & Blackall St, Barton ACT  
**Catering:** Morning Tea and lunch provided  
**Donation:** \$50, to cover costs

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## Registration

**Name:**

**Organisation:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Catering:** Please indicate if you have special dietary requirements:

Vegetarian  Vegan  Gluten Free  Halal  Dairy Free . I have an allergy to:

Please send completed form to:

The Treasurer, Safe Motherhood for All Inc.,  
GPO Box 165, CANBERRA ACT 2601

Registration is a \$50 donation.

### Payment methods

**CHEQUE:** Please make payable to Safe Motherhood for All Inc.

**EFT:** **BSB 062 905** **Account Number 10163254.**

Please ensure your name is used as a reference when transferring funds by EFT.

If you require more information, please contact us at [info@safemotherhoodforall.org.au](mailto:info@safemotherhoodforall.org.au)



**SAFE MOTHERHOOD FOR ALL SUPPORTS THE RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE CHARTER**

Safe Motherhood is more than the prevention of death and disability. It is respect for every woman's humanity, feelings, choices, and preferences.

In seeking and receiving maternity care before, during and after childbirth:

- 1** EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM HARM AND ILL TREATMENT
- 2** EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION, INFORMED CONSENT AND REFUSAL, AND RESPECT FOR HER CHOICES AND PREFERENCES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO HER CHOICE OF COMPANIONSHIP DURING MATERNITY CARE
- 3** EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY
- 4** EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT
- 5** EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY, FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION, AND EQUITABLE CARE
- 6** EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO HEALTHCARE AND TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE LEVEL OF HEALTH
- 7** EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY, AUTONOMY, SELF-DETERMINATION, AND FREEDOM FROM COERCION

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