

# CJ Blennerhassett

**Registered Midwife at Association of Nova Scotia Midwives**

Halifax, NS, CA

Registered Midwife and activist with a focus on informed choice, reproductive rights, & the provision of inclusive care for LGBTQ families.

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## Biography

CJ (she/they) graduated with honours from the McMaster Midwifery Education Program in 2016. She was born in Nova Scotia, Canada and raised in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. As part of her training she completed placements in Toronto, Hamilton, Nova Scotia and Doesburg, Netherlands. She believes that the philosophy of midwifery care strongly supports clients, families and communities to be actively involved in all aspects of care and in this way midwives are able to navigate and combat systems of oppression during a time of intense transformation. CJ is President of the Association of Nova Scotia Midwives and a co-chair of the Canadian Caucus of Queer and Trans Midwives.

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## Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Fund-Raising, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Providers, Health and Wellness, Research, Social Media, Social Services, Training and Development, Non-Profit/Charitable, Mental Health Care, Media - Online, Media - Print, Media Production, Medical/Dental Practice, Program Development, Political Organization, Writing and Editing, Women

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## Areas of Expertise

Pregnancy, Pregnancy and Abuse, Pregnancy and Postpartum Issues, pregnancy and sport, Pregnancy Loss, Abortion, Abortion in Canada, Abortion Rights, Birth Control, Birth, Choice of Birthplace, Informed Consent, Midwifery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Obstetrics, Reproductive Health, Reproductive Rights, Fertility, Activism, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression, Editing & Writing, Editing, Writing, Research, Healthcare, Baby care, Breastfeeding, Postpartum care, Circumcision, Street Medic, Medic, Midwife, Placenta, Homebirth, Epidural, Full Spectrum Midwifery, High Risk Pregnancy, Low Risk Pregnancy, Moxibustion, External Cephalic Version, Parenting, Mothering, Single Parenting, Single Parents, Multiple Pregnancy, Twin Pregnancy, Vaccination, Health, Health & Healing, Health & Healthcare Law and Policy, Community Outreach, Evidence-Based Medicine, Evidence-Based Practice, Gynecology, Grassroots Organizing, Children, Women's Rights, Feminism, Queer Healthcare, LGBTQ Politics, LGBTQ, Intersectional Feminism, Anti-oppressive, Anti-racist

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## Affiliations

Chair of the Canadian Association of Midwives National Advisory Board on Gender Equity and Diversity, Founder of the Canadian Caucus of Queer Midwives

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## **Education**

### **McMaster University**

Bachelor of Health Sciences in Midwifery

### **Saint Mary's University**

Bachelor of Arts Honours Criminology, Psychology

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Registered Midwife**

CJ is registered with the Midwifery Regulatory Council of Nova Scotia. She holds current certifications in Neonatal Resuscitation, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Skills.

### **Front of Book Editor**

Shameless Magazine - <http://shamelessmag.com>

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