

Meet Your Instructors

Maria Friend, RN, BSN, CCE —Maria has over 20 years of experience educating new parents on pregnancy, birth, and infant/child care. She is a Registered Nurse and Certified Childbirth Educator. Maria is also the Program Director for the Garrett County Health Department Early Care Programs.

Erin Marsh, RN, IBCLC, CCE —Erin has over 10 years of experience educating new parents on pregnancy, birth, and infant/child care. She has assisted mothers to breastfeed and is a Certified Lactation Consultant. She is a Registered Nurse and Certified Childbirth Educator. She is employed at Garrett Regional Medical Center as a Labor & Delivery Nurse.

Katie Welch, RN, IBCLC, CCE —Katie has over 10 years of experience educating new parents on pregnancy, birth and infant/child care. She is a Registered Nurse and Certified Childbirth Educator. She has assisted mothers to breastfeed and is a Certified Lactation Consultant. Katie is a Nurse Supervisor with the Garrett County Health Department Early Care Programs. Prior to working at the Garrett County Health Department, Katie was also employed at Garrett Regional Medical Center as a Labor & Delivery Nurse.

Kelsey Artice, RNC-OB, CCE—Kelsey has 10 years of experience educating new parents on pregnancy, birth and infant/child care. She is a Registered Nurse and Certified Childbirth Educator. She is currently employed at WVU Medicine Children's Maternal Infant Care Center as a Charge Nurse.



Classes are held at the Garrett County Health Department

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2024 Prepared Childbirth Education Classes



Garrett County Health Department



**Classes are free, fun, and available weekends
or evenings to fit your schedule.**

Why Prepare?

Whether it is your first or your fifth, the birth of your baby is one of the most exciting events in your life. It is the one thing you will always remember. Learning everything you can will help prepare you for your baby's birthday. The information you gain through prepared childbirth will increase your confidence, assist you to make good decisions for you and your baby, and help you on your journey through birth.



What You Will Learn...

- How your baby grows and how your body changes and prepares for childbirth
- What to bring and when to go to the hospital
- What to expect while in labor
- Relaxation, position, and breathing techniques for comfort
- Medication options
- What to expect when delivering your baby
- Preparing for the unexpected
- Newborn characteristics and procedures

What to bring...

Yourself, your questions, the person you would like to support you in labor, snacks and drinks for you and your partner, two pillows and a blanket.



2024 Class Schedule

Two **Wednesday** Evenings: 6:00– 8:30 p.m.
(includes hospital tour when possible)

- January 3rd & 10th
- March 6th & 13th
- May 1st & 8th
- July 3rd & 10th
- September 4th & 11th
- November 6th & 13th

One Day **Saturday** Classes
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

- February 3rd
- April 6th
- June 1st
- August 3rd
- October 5th
- December 7th

To register and for more information
call: 301-334-7720