

The 9 Steps of a LOBBY DAY Visit February 13, 2020

1. BEFORE ENTERING your VISIT:
Look to see which district the Legislator you are going to see represents.
 - Statewide map: <http://leg.wa.gov/LIC/Documents/Maps/Statewide%20Legislative%20District%20Map.pdf>
2. INTRODUCE YOURSELF and let them know if you are a constituent or if your clients or colleagues live in their district. Find your legislator here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>
3. THANK the Representative for their support in the past.
 - All of our recent bills have passed either unanimously or by a wide margin, so you can thank all House Reps and all Senators for something. There won't be time to thank them for everything, but you can be specific if something is important to you personally. Past support may include:
 - (2019) Passing the [Governor's Budget](#) which included funding the cap on LM licensing fees and the Doula for All Initiative
 - (2018) [HB2016](#) - Ensuring access to volunteer midwifery & doula services for incarcerated persons
 - (2017) Support for the HCA's recommendation to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for the Birth Center facility fee, support of our budget proviso & support of Paid Family & Medical Leave
4. TELL YOUR STORY (briefly): Have one person from your group give a personal example of why/how Licensed Midwifery is important to them or explain how it has impacted their life or let the representative explain to you how birth/midwifery has impacted their life.
5. SUMMARIZE OUR POSITION:
 - See Talking Points
6. REFER Legislators to our Electronic Lobby Day Packet (E-Packet):
 - www.washingtonmidwives.org/lobbyday2020
7. When we are running a bill, it's very important not to forget THE ASK, but this year we are building relationships with a plan for a big ask next year!
8. AFTER THE VISIT:
 - Record some notes about your visit on the provided forms; note who is supportive and who is not; include any requests for more information or follow-up.
9. FOLLOW-UP:
 - Consider sending thank you cards or emails. Watch for any additional requested follow-up initiated by MAWS.
 - Any further questions or concerns can be addressed by our Lobbyist, Amber Ulvenes amber@ulvenesconsulting.com or MAWS president@washingtonmidwives.org