

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Project	Disability Justice Training
Department:	Advocacy
Organizational Contact:	Samantha Berg Manager of State Advocacy, SMFM
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The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), founded in 1977, is the medical professional society for maternal-fetal medicine subspecialists, who are obstetricians with additional training and board certification in high-risk pregnancies. SMFM represents more than 6,500 members who care for high-risk pregnant people and provides education, promotes research, and engages in advocacy to advance optimal and equitable perinatal outcomes for all people who desire and experience pregnancy. For more information, visit [SMFM.org](https://www.smfm.org).

Patient Forward is a patient-led later abortion advocacy and strategy organization working to secure access to abortion throughout pregnancy. Patient Forward develops resources to challenge gestational bans and other obstacles to abortion care. The organization's work centers people who need abortion care later in pregnancy in advocacy campaigns, media initiatives and abortion policy. Patient Forward is fighting for a future where everyone who wants an abortion can get one without delay, without judgment, and without going broke.

### Shared Values

SMFM and Patient Forward acknowledge that disability justice inherently requires dismantling intersecting systems of oppression, including anti-Blackness and racism towards Indigenous and other people of color. Additionally, we are committed to uplifting the dignity and bodily autonomy of all pregnant people, and especially disabled Black, Indigenous, and other people of color throughout this work.

### Scope of Work

SMFM seeks a consultant to develop introductory disability justice educational resources for patient and provider abortion advocates, with a focus on those who provide, refer for, or have lived experience with later abortion. For this project, Patient Forward will serve in an advisory role and work closely with SMFM and the consultant. We envision these resources consisting of written materials accompanied by a training video(s) - the latter can be pre-recorded or presented live with a recording available afterwards. The goal of this project is to develop introductory resources around the below topics. This will hopefully lay the groundwork for additional resources in the future.

1. **Disability Justice 101** - Orient patient and provider advocates to disability justice and its core principles.
2. **Disabling Systems** - Outline how various systems marginalize disabled people and impact their health.
3. **Better Advocacy** - Center disabled people in advocacy around high-risk pregnancies.
4. **Better Care** - Identify ableism, disability stigma, and other biases in the provision of care for high-risk pregnancies.

### **Scope and Deliverables**

- Collaborate with SMFM and Patient Forward staff throughout project development
- Work with staff to create timeline and project management plan
- Develop content for materials and optimal instructional design plan
- Works with staff on the final content revision/feedback process
- Participate in rollout conversations
- This project does not require graphic design, layout of final content, or video editing, but this work can be incorporated into the proposal

### **Qualifications/Knowledge/Skills**

- 5+ years of professional experience in education, research, and/or community organizing related to disability justice
- Experience developing resources and/or educational materials for adult audiences, preference for health care providers
- Advanced understanding of reproductive justice principles and abortion access landscape
- Commitment to [SMFM positions and priorities](#), including access to abortion care throughout pregnancy, and willingness to adhere to confidentiality requirements.

### **Additional Details**

Total consultancy fee is up to \$10,000. Deliverables are due by December 31, 2023. Check-ins with SMFM and Patient Forward can be scheduled regularly or as needed, depending on project plan and consultant preferences and availability.

### **Proposal Submission Requirements and Deadline**

Proposals can be submitted to Samantha Berg at [sberg@smfm.org](mailto:sberg@smfm.org) by August 30<sup>th</sup> at noon ET, and must include the following:

- Resume(s) and two references
- Sample of previous work related to disability justice
- A description of the consultant's approach to educating and training adult learners, including methodology and philosophy, as well as your approach to working collaboratively with clients
- Proposed deliverables, timeline, and proposed budget
- Fee and payment schedule