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Dear Providers,

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), in partnership with the Centering Healthcare Institute will host five regional *CenteringPregnancy* information sessions beginning this February through early March. Funded by the March of Dimes, these free sessions will be beneficial for providers who are interested in learning more about *CenteringPregnancy* as a group prenatal care model. Private practices, hospitals and health department staff are invited to participate in one of these daylong interactive sessions.

With over two decades of experience, the Centering Healthcare Institute has developed and sustained the Centering group healthcare model in 500 practice sites. *CenteringPregnancy* empowers women to take an active role in managing their prenatal care. *CenteringPregnancy* combines health assessment, interactive learning and community building to provide patient support and increase patient engagement and learning. *CenteringPregnancy* has been shown to decrease the rate of preterm births and increase breastfeeding rates.

Come discover how *CenteringPregnancy* can change the way women receive prenatal care. The *CenteringPregnancy* information sessions will be held in Atlanta, Augusta, Griffin, Savannah, and Waycross, Georgia. Details for each session will be provided when you complete the online registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/centering-pregnancy-information-session-tickets-41505364663>. Space is limited. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a light breakfast and lunch provided. For more information please contact Janice Boyd janice.boyd@dph.ga.gov or Yolanda Cameron yolanda.cameron@dph.ga.gov.

Please join us in our quest to improve birth outcomes in Georgia with the implementation of *CenteringPregnancy*.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lara Jacobson', is written over a white background.

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