

**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN
FOR A
BLACK-
OWNED
WELLNESS
+ BIRTH
CENTER**

BLKBRK[®]



Black-Centered Holistic Care

IT'S THE CULTURALLY CONGRUENT CARE FOR US

BLACK OWNED

Black-owned LLC with a Black-owned and led nonprofit fiscal sponsor.

BLACK LED

You can't have Black culturally-congruent care without Black birth workers leading the work.

BLACK CENTERED

Every Black client is cared for by a Black birth worker. Care that is for us, designed by us.

INCLUSIVE AND EXPANSIVE CARE

Birthing rights are not just about the rights to birth the way someone wants, but also the right to birth when they are ready.



OUR JOURNEY HISTORY TIMELINE

2019

Jazmin answered the call to become a doula.

2020

BLKBRY was launched as a Full Spectrum Doula practice.

2022

BLKBRY opened the first Black-owned, freestanding doula center in Burien, WA. Expanded programming, services and resources. Received funding from the WA State Department of Health for formula distribution for Black families in Washington.

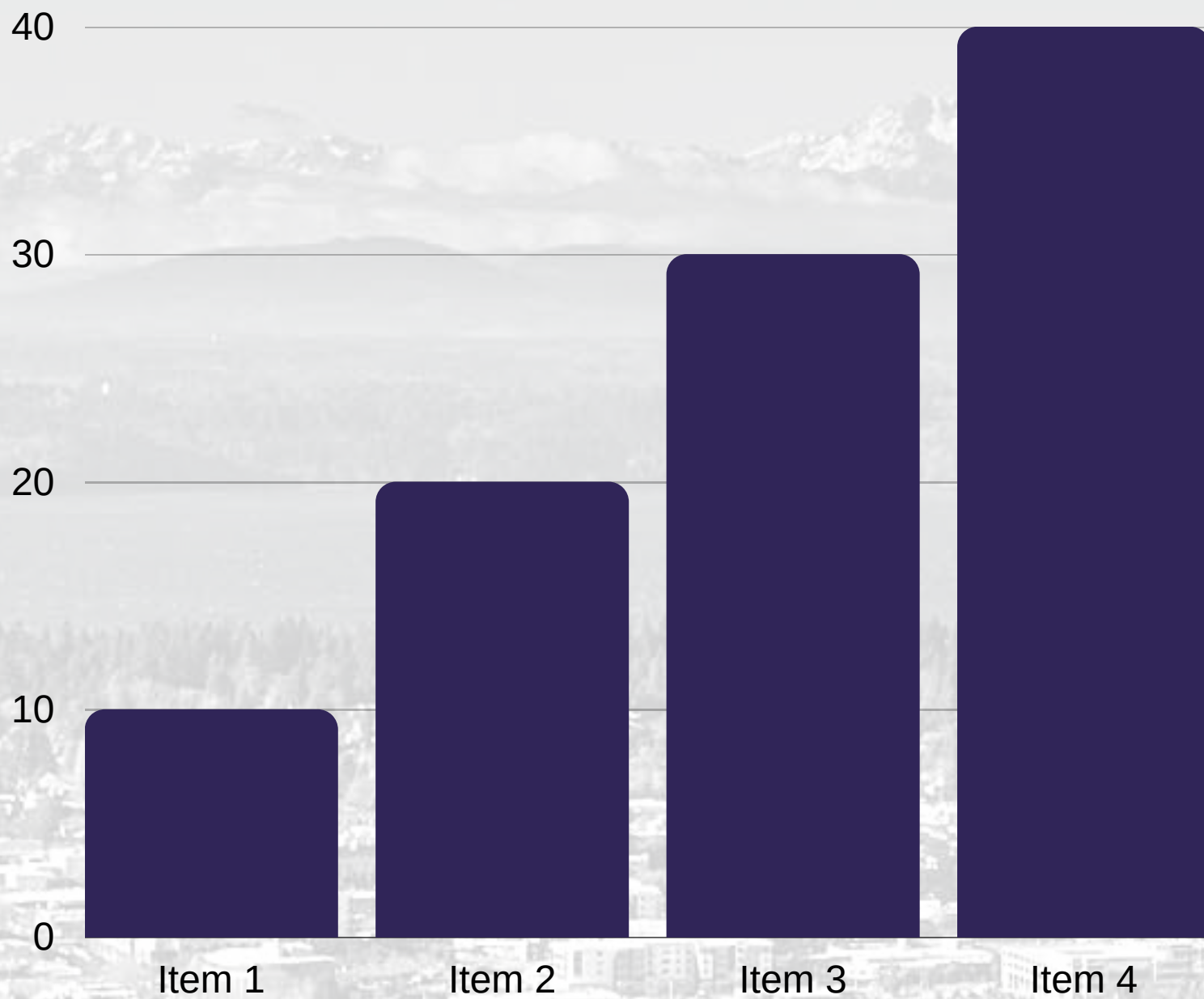
2023

Plans to obtain an additional suite on a multi-year lease for a Black-owned freestanding birth center.

2024-2025

Continue fundraising and capital campaign to purchase a building to house BLKBRY Holistic Wellness and Birth Center.





We Are More Than NUMBERS

We are more than just participants in our own experiences. We are experts and the ones leading change.

When limiting Black birth experiences to merely statical information, hospitals, providers and institutions avoid being held accountable for some of the root causes due to lack of causality with the data.

FILLING ANOTHER GAP

400+

BIRTH CENTERS IN THE US

There are now more than 400 freestanding birth centers in the United States in 40 states and DC.

18

BIRTH CENTERS IN WA STATE

There are 18 licensed and midwifery owned birth centers contracted with Washington State Health Care Authority.

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BLACK (DOULA) OWNED

Currently, there are ZERO Black-owned and operated birth centers in Washington State. BLKBRY is doing something not seen before. Developing a center for the expansive reproductive care and support for Black folks.

American Association Of Birth Centers. History Highlights of 4 Decades of Developing the Birth Center Concept in the U.S. 2022

Washington State Healthcare Authority. Birth Centers. October 2018.



Led by Black birth workers and shaped by the voices of the Black community, BLKBRY's goal is to improve Black reproductive, perinatal and infant health outcomes in our communities.

Inequitable access to capital is a barrier to birth center start-ups in communities of color. Most birth centers are for-profit businesses started by a single midwife owner with personal income, loans, savings and family gifts.

BLKBRY is an LLC with a 501c3 non-profit fiscal sponsor. BLKBRY embraces shared leadership and a community-organizing approach to birth center development rooted in deep equity and meaningful partnerships.

BLKBRY's mission is to provide culturally-congruent, holistic, safe, inclusive and loving care through a person's reproductive journey, pregnancy, birth and beyond.

OUR CURRENT SPACE

155 SW 152ND ST, BURIEN, WA
SUITE A + SUITE C

Suite A: Present

Freestanding Doula Center with:

- Community Pantry (diapers, clothing, menstrual products, etc).
- Community Milk Bank + Formula Distribution
- Private Visit Room
- Lactation/Nursing Area
- Training and Gathering Space

Suite C: In-Progress*

Freestanding Birth Center (Summer 2023)

Obtain state licensing for a single suite, 2 bedroom apartment layout with:

- Birthing Room with birth tub
- Room for birth team or sibling support
- Full Kitchen
- Full Bathroom
- And lounge area for loved ones

*Initial birth suite as BLKBRY works towards purchasing a building for it's permanent home.





BLACK-OWNED

FREESTANDING HOLISTIC WELLNESS + BIRTH CENTER

BLKBRY has a multi-year lease for Suite A to continue the freestanding doula center. From January to April 2023, working to obtain state licensing to development a single suite freestanding birther center for Suite C.

BLKBRY is exploring locations for the permanent housing of the freestanding holistic wellness and birth center, taking into account programmatic needs, proximity to safe birthing hospitals, birth center standards and accreditation requirements, transportation and accessibility.



WHAT'S TO COME

DOULA CENTER EXPANSION

Expand inclusive doula and lactation services and in-house resources. Provide space for more independent Black birth workers to make their services accessible to community.

BIRTH CENTER EXPANSION

Add a second suite that is ADA compliant and inclusive. Each birth suite is designed as a small apartment to provide the comforts of home with amenities of a birth center.

MEDICAL ABORTION SUITE ADDITION

Design a studio suite where folks can undergo a medication abortion in a home-like environment with doula and midwifery support.

A SHARED VISION

BLKBRY is not the first to express the need, want and overall desire for a Black-owned birth center that is truly designed for the care we need and deserve.

With the help and support of the Black birth worker and Black birthing community, we are eager to be in community and engage with the healthcare ecosystem, and the City of Burien to explore possibilities and opportunities in this city.

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[ad-ee-wu-sôn-tro-fy]

ad [Latin]•increase
iwosan [Yoruba]•healing
trophy [Greek]•nourishment

(n.) Feeling healed through
connection with your people.

WE'RE WORKING TO RAISE \$4 MILLION.

\$4M to purchase, renovate, launch and fund the first two years of operations. Beyond this initial capital, our operating model will generate revenue to support future sustainability.

**Support BLKBRY's Capital Campaign by
making a donation and sharing!**

DONATE BY CHECK TO:

**BLKBRY, LLC
155 SW 152ND ST, STE A
BURIEN, WA 98166**

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[HTTPS://GOFUND.ME/778023F0](https://gofund.me/778023f0)



MORE INFO? CONTACT US!



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INFO SESSIONS

We want to answer your questions and get your input. Through early 2023, we'll be announcing info sessions and live streams, so we can share and receive community input.

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#BLACKBIRTHMATTERS #BIRTHJUSTICE
#BIRTHEQUITY #REPRODUCTIVEJUSTICE

