



Voices from the Movement

Cortes:

"Walking the halls of the Capitol with our team felt powerful. Even though I didn't feel I showed up as my 'best self,' being there, speaking our truth, was revolutionary."

Nadirah:

"Seeing young people advocate alongside seasoned doulas was one of the most moving parts of the experience. It reminded lawmakers that birth justice is about our future."

Tamara:

"Even when meetings didn't go as planned, we adapted. We stayed rooted in love, knowledge, and hope — and that's what birth justice demands."

Jamarah (SBJN Executive Director):

"This was more than lobbying. It was reclaiming space, rewriting narratives, and planting seeds for real, lasting change in Florida."

Crishelle

"I was grateful to witness the advocacy and education birth workers brought to the capitol."



A Bold Stance for Birth Justice

Birth Justice Day at the Capitol 2025 brought together doulas, midwives, community leaders, youth, and advocates from across Florida to uplift birth justice at the heart of state policy. Our collective presence filled the Capitol with powerful testimonies, expert knowledge, and a spirit of determination. In three days, we met with lawmakers, built new alliances, and showed that Birth Justice is a movement — not a moment.



Join the Birth Justice Movement!

Stand with SBJN as we continue to demand dignity, equity, and safety for all birthing people, by joining the Statewide Birth Justice Coalition. Help bring awareness to the Birth Justice Bill of Rights, a powerful declaration of every person's right to respectful, culturally affirming, and empowering care. Explore and share the Maternal Health Guide—a vital resource designed to educate, inform, and protect our communities. Together, we can build a future where all births are just and all families thrive.



Event Highlights

- 30+ meetings with legislators and aides across party lines
- Strong youth presence during Children's Week at the Capitol
- Stories and lived experiences centered in every conversation
- Expanded relationships with policymakers and coalition partners
- Hands-on Learning in direct democracy with direct advocacy meetings and attending committee meetings
- Powerful visual impact: SBJN t-shirts and one-pagers visible across the Capitol
- Future Planning: Robust debrief and reflection on Day 2, members excited to continue coalition work