Looking for entrepreneurial midwives interested in starting up new practices.

Families in Vernon (North Okanagan) and in Salmon Arm (Shuswap) are in need of more midwives.

**Vernon** is a community of >3800 people and services a catchment area of >58,000 people. There are two midwives actively practising out of home offices and both turn families away most months because they are full. One of these midwives will be retiring in a couple of years. The hospital in Vernon has >700 births per annum and there is a congenial work environment in support of midwifery care. There are five OBs and four Paediatricians. Several GPs provide maternity care but in recent years some GPs have stopped offering maternity care.

The community of Vernon is surrounded by farmland and orchards. There is some logging in the area as well. Tourism is a viable economy as families travel through the sunny Okanagan northward towards the Tran Canada highway.

For those in love with the outdoors and like to either hunt, fish, ski, snowboard, snowshoe, hike or garden, the North Okanagan is for you.

There is a community college in Vernon and a university campus a short 45 minute drive away.

Vancouver is a six hour drive south over a well maintained mountain pass.

**Salmon Arm** is on both the Tran Canada highway and the Shuswap lake. It is a 50 minute drive north of Vernon or 1+ hr drive east of Kamloops. The hospital in Salmon Arm has >200 births per annum. Although there are no OBs or Paediatricians, there are several GPs providing maternity care.

The population of Salmon Arm is about 17,500 and the catchment area is >16,000 people. Women in Salmon Arm who want prenatal care by a midwife must drive to either Kamloops or Vernon.

The community of Salmon Arm also has plenty of logging, farming, hunting, fishing, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, hiking and gardening.

There is a community college in Salmon Arm and a university campus in Kamloops.

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