



THE HISTORIC JAMAA BIRTH VILLAGE™
CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER



African Indigenous

MIDWIFERY MUSEUM™

A PROUD LEGACY IN SACRED BIRTH - ROOTED IN CULTURAL CARE



Opening the Weekend of October 24-26, 2025

The African Indigenous Midwifery Museum™ (AIMM) & Library Research Institute, located within The Historic Jamaa Birth Village Cultural Heritage Center—is the first museum and library research institute in the United States founded by a Midwife—solely dedicated to preserving, honoring, and uplifting the legacy of African Indigenous midwives.

Through immersive exhibits, artifacts, oral histories, and ancestral traditions, the museum offers an intergenerational journey that reconnects communities with sacred birth practices rooted in Africa and the Diaspora.

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AIMM Founder Okunsola M. Amadou at the Gullah Museum Midwife Exhibit



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Founded by Okunsola M. Amadou, The African Indigenous Midwifery Museum™ & Library Research Institute, is a cultural cornerstone of The Historic Jamaa Birth Village Cultural Heritage Center. The museum will house exhibitions ranging from precolonial birthing traditions, altar rooms for ancestral midwives, and midwifery archives, to midwife tools used from precolonial times to enslavement and resistance. Home to rare collections, a research institute, and immersive rooms that center spirituality, plant medicine, and Black maternal traditions, the museum also honors contemporary midwives continuing this sacred lineage. In the heart of Ferguson, Missouri, it is a sanctuary of remembrance, reclamation, and rebirth.

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AIMM Founder Okunsola M. Amadou Welcoming
The 1st African Precolonial Midwife Artifact
for Museum Acquisitions



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AIMM Purpose

To restore visibility to African Indigenous midwifery traditions; to protect and elevate the cultural, spiritual, and medical contributions of Black midwives throughout history; and to serve as a healing, learning, and archival space for future generations of birthworkers, families, and scholars.



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AIMM Mission: To educate, archive, and celebrate the spiritual, medicinal, and cultural knowledge of African Indigenous midwives through exhibits, storytelling, research, and community connection. The museum is a space for truth-telling, healing, and honoring the midwives who caught generations with grace and power.

AIMM Vision: To become a globally recognized cultural and historical institution that preserves the wisdom, resilience, and sacred knowledge of African Indigenous midwifery, while inspiring a future of birth justice rooted in ancestral power, dignity, and empowered cultural identity.

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