

# Maternity Home

## Details

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Maternity Homes were institutions that provided residential accommodation to pregnant women, usually single women, and they often functioned (officially or not) as adoption agencies. Women gave birth in maternity homes attended by a midwife. Many maternity homes were also 'rescue homes' which tried to reform the young mothers. These institutions were sometimes known as lying-in homes.

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### Resources

- [Years ago, one hospital served N. W. Coast](#), Advocate, 30 September 1950

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