

## STANDARDS AND PHILOSOPHY OF PRACTICE:

- I believe that women have the intrinsic ability to grow a child, birth a child and raise a child perfectly.
- I believe that interference in the normal process of pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of birth related complications.
- I believe that wisdom of care of the mother and baby are best passed from woman to woman through the process of midwifery training and apprenticeship.
- I promote holistic care, which is the care of the whole woman rather than treating symptoms or singular body systems.
- I recognize that childbearing is a life changing physical, emotional and spiritual rite of passage for a woman as well as a transformative whole family experience.
- I strive to provide continuity of care for women during the childbearing years and the immediate care of the healthy newborn.
- I work to facilitate and provide safe and satisfying evidence based care.
- I will uphold the right of the woman/family to informed consent and choice, within the boundaries of safe care.
- My primary focus is on holistic health and personal growth during the reproductive years.
- I work as an independent midwife, and work towards and interdependent relationship within a health care system capable of providing consultation and referral as necessary.
- I involve myself with opportunities for continuing education that will enhance professional growth and development and complete the CEUs required by my community standards.
- I perform my duties with pride and professional competence.
- I participate in on going peer evaluation.
- I keep all aspects training and practice current and up to date as dictated with evidence based midwifery care.