



A BirthWorks Postpartum Doula's Code of Ethics

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1. Demonstrates professional conduct at all times while serving birthing families. She models integrity by having unity in thought, word, and deed – in other words, what she says is what she does. This helps her to be a trusted member of the “family.”
2. Maintains professional development through continuing education, relationships with other birthing organizations, and associations with other postpartum doulas.
3. Respects the privacy of her clients and protects confidentiality.
4. Sets fees for her services to birthing families, that are fair, reasonable, and appropriate for the services she has agreed to perform. These must be outlined clearly in the signed contract. She may offer reduced costs for families in need, thus encouraging equal availability of postpartum services.
5. Dresses in a professional manner.
6. Upholds the values of her profession and abides by the ethics set forth by her certifying organization.
7. Maintains a calm presence with all family members and is a good listener.

Application and Understanding

True or False:

A Code of Ethics is the same thing as Professional Standards.

A Code of Ethics means that a postpartum doula agrees to uphold the values of the certifying organization.