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## **Student Policy**

We have Student Midwives working along with the regular Jamii Birth and Wellness Services staff. All of us at Jamii Birth and Wellness Services have a strong commitment to sharing our knowledge and skills with future health care providers. We have a unique setting and style of practice that we are proud of and wish for others to experience.

### **Midwifery Students**

Student Midwives come to Jamii Birth and Wellness Services from programs all over the country. We are a home birth midwifery practice and that makes us an attractive site for student midwives who want to experience out of hospital, family centered, low tech, high touch style of care that Jamii Birth and Wellness Services offer.

Student midwives will participate in all areas of care offered at Jamii Birth and Wellness Services, including: gynecological, family planning visits, prenatal visits, labor management, births, newborn, and postpartum care. Of course, we will ask **your permission** for student participation in your care. Please do not hesitate to give us feedback about the care you received. In fact, we encourage your input to aid in our input to student education. **You have the right to decline having a student participate in your care.** Please let the midwife know of your wishes, and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

When a Student Midwife begins their time at Jamii Birth and Wellness Services, one of Jamii Birth and Wellness Services midwives will be with them whenever they are providing client care. We will be standing quietly in the background observing the student midwives' skills and chiming in once in a while. Of course, we will be at their side immediately available should our guidance be needed. We know that after the student leaves our practice and gets a job as a midwife, they will be expected to function independently, so we try to foster as much independence as possible at the end of their educational experience with us.

As with all of the care provided by Jamii Birth and Wellness Services, confidentiality of the medical record and client interactions is essential to providing exceptional client care.

**Client Confidentiality and Informed Consent Regarding Student Midwives**

The Certified Professional Midwife training is based on the apprentice model. The hands-on training and clinical experiences of a midwife are passed from midwife to midwife as part of the midwifery education and experience. At Jamii Birth and Wellness Services, LLC we support and encourage this model of training and work with student midwives in our practice.

Prenatal visits and births may be attended by one or two midwives, one birth assistant and/or student midwife. All care that is provided by the assistant will be under the direct supervision of a CNM or licensed midwife and with direct permission from our clients.

Each student midwife being trained in the apprentice model is required to provide documentation of client experience at the end of her training to ensure certification. This certification process, through the North American Registry of Midwives, requires students to disclose health information about our clients to NARM as a way to verify their participation and training in midwifery care. This can be done only with the permission of our clients.

**I agree to allow students and apprentices of Jamii Birth and Wellness Services, LLC to be involved in my care.**

**Yes**

**No**

**I agree to allow students and apprentices of Jamii Birth and Wellness Services, LLC who are involved in my care to use my records, with my name removed, as verification of skills with the North American Registry of Midwives.**

**Yes**

**No**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_