

Interviewing a Care Provider

Selecting a care provider who most closely matches your needs and philosophy is important and not always easy. Here is a check list of questions you can print and use while conducting your interviews. These questions are suitable for all care providers you may be selecting for your perinatal care. You may find it helpful to take notes in the spaces provided.

1. Tell us about your educational experience. How long since you were trained? Do you attend continuing education classes. Are you up to date on the latest research findings on childbirth?
2. Please describe the services you provide and your fee.
3. Please describe your experience. How long having you been in practice? Can you provide references?
4. Will you be able to provide resources such as classes, book titles, other pregnancy-related care providers and parenting/support groups?
5. Please describe your philosophy of childbirth. What do you believe your role/responsibility to be? Mine? How will you foster self-determination?
6. Please explain your scope of practice.
7. Describe the ways in which you will work with the other care providers on the birth team.