

**-Purpose and Principles-Reference Set**

**Purpose**

<p><b>General Purpose</b></p> <p>To help the mother learn to breastfeed her baby.          To encourage good mothering through breastfeeding.          To promote a better understanding of breastfeeding and related subjects.</p>	<p><b>Vision Purpose</b></p> <p>To realize, deepen, and share the love and wisdom found in the breastfeeding relationship.</p>
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**Principles**

**In pursuit of purpose, participants will:**

<b>Honor each other's:</b>	<b>When working with others:</b>	<b>Work as a system to:</b>
<p>Right and responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine their own identity and needs, and follow their own judgment and instincts.</li> <li>• Protect what belongs to them, what is important to them and their privacy.</li> <li>• Inform their choices considering scientific knowledge, experience and intuition.</li> <li>• Voluntarily connect with others to pursue their goals.</li> </ul> <p>Right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create new parts of the system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make room for family.</li> <li>• Honor obligations.</li> <li>• Encourage/educate, not compel.</li> <li>• Be open to look for opportunities for generosity and joy.</li> <li>• Work through and resolve conflict without threats, coercion or intimidation.</li> <li>• Freely and fully exchange information.</li> <li>• Are explicit about values.</li> <li>• Are mutually affirming, supporting and accountable.</li> <li>• Deliberate and make decisions in ways that reasonably represent those who are both relevant and affected without any one dominating.</li> <li>• Entrust only sufficient authority and power as necessary to accomplish common work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain open and welcoming to new participants and parts.</li> <li>• Ensure diversity and health.</li> <li>• Create conditions which foster learning, development and growth.</li> <li>• Keep or shift power, authority and resources to the smallest or most local part that includes those affected.</li> <li>• Create no built-in advantage or disadvantage for any part or participant.</li> <li>• Remain coherent and disciplined as a whole.</li> <li>• Protect, not undermine, breastfeeding, mothering and family.</li> </ul>

*These Principles are interpreted and considered as whole. No Principle will be applied to the exclusion of others. They are intended to balance and inform each other.*