

We are conducting a research study on the experiences of couples who received care at a birthing center, and we would like to invite you to participate by completing the following questionnaire.

The questionnaire consists of three core questions that we would like you to answer (you are welcome to complete it in a separate document):

1.) What was important to you about the care you received at the birthing center, regarding the facility, equipment, and staff? *Facility: the bath, room, and bed where we stayed comfortably and felt at home; everything we needed was there, and we felt safe. The staff was at ease, which made me feel comfortable—it helps one relax.*

2.) What made you feel safe and supported during your time at the birthing center, and what did not? *Staff are believers; the midwife prayed beforehand. My husband could be there the whole time. Believers help focus on the Lord. List of songs I could play during childbirth.*

3.) Would you recommend birthing center care to your friends and family, and why?

*I would recommend it. I think it's the best place to go.*

Please answer each question as comprehensively as possible. If you have any additional comments or questions, please include them in the space provided.

Your participation in this study is voluntary, and all information you provide will be kept confidential. If you would like to participate, please respond to this email to indicate that you are willing to complete the questionnaire.

Thank you very much for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

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