



Haven Bereavement Doulas

Code of Ethics

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Ethical Responsibilities

- To Clients:
 - To uphold client confidentiality;
 - To companion clients (meaning walk alongside, in the tradition of grief workers) rather than lead, push, or advise; and
 - To honor the rights of the clients to make their own meaning and determine their own grief paths for their families.
- To Self:
 - To do this work well,
 - Educating ourselves on latest research and ancestral wisdom on grief support, birth, postpartum, and other topics relevant to those we serve; and
 - Strengthening our skills through practice.
 - To do this work healthily,
 - Stewarding our emotional capacities in which cases we take on, how many clients we serve, and the expansiveness of our strategies for self care;
 - Sustaining our businesses financially; and
 - Protecting ourselves from abuse from clients, colleagues, or ourselves.
 - To do this work beautifully,
 - Honoring each little one, their families, and their communities through care, reverence, and an orientation toward dignity.
 - And to curate joy, especially through community.
- To Colleagues:
 - To treat them with a recognition of their inherent human dignity, call ourselves and them to high standards, and collaborate as part of a functioning team.
- To Society:
 - To raise awareness about bereavement and grief-informed practices for our communities.
- To Haven Bereavement Doulas:
 - To conduct ourselves in ways that honor the values of Haven Bereavement Doulas to provide research-based, compassionate grief support to grieving families.