### **Business Essentials for Birthworkers**

Birthing Your Business

### Values

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- Values are the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something.
- Values are also a person's principles or standards of behavior; one's judgment of what is important in life.

### What is your value system?

#### Values

- What value do you give to:
  - your time
  - your energy
  - your knowledge
  - your expertise
  - your skills
  - your resources
  - your wisdom
  - your intuition

#### **Energy Exchange**

- What values do we exchange our energy for?
- money is energy
- time is energy
- sharing resources is energy
- holding space is energy
- sharing skills, knowledge and expertise is energy
- mental energy
- emotional energy
- spiritual energy
- physical energy

## Exercise

### Values Energy Exchange Exercise

- What value would you exchange Item 1?
- What value would you exchange for Item 2?
- What value would you exchange for one hour of your time?
- What value would you exchange for one day of your life?
- What value would you exchange for your knowledge, your skills and your expertise?

Review this exercise regularly to make sure your values match up with how you make exchanges in your business activities.

Our value systems determine and guide how we exchange energy.

# Sacred Energy

#### Sacred Energy

- BIRTH IS SACRED.
- What we value as sacred there is no price for.
- In supporting others in birth we are exchanging our personal energy for that support.
- We should always honor our energy with a value exchange that feels comfortable and just to us.
- See next slide for Sacred Energy Mantra

"Birth is sacred."

I exchange my personal sacred energy for a value of support that I accept as a fair exchange."

### Notes to remember for Sacred Energy Exchange

- This service of support is not for fame and fortune, it is a sacred service, an honor and a privilege.
- Stay humble.
  - You are being invited into the most intimate and transformative experience of someone's life.
- Show gratitude.
  - You are witnessing a miracle every time a baby is born.

# Know your worth.

If you do not know your own worth someone else will determine it for you.

Your Values, Your Worth and Your Sacred Energy Matter.