Safety in Birth Begins with Midwifery Care

“In terms of quality, satisfaction, and costs, the midwifery model for pregnancy and maternity care has been found to be beneficial to women and families, resulting in good outcomes and cost savings. ... With its focus on pregnancy as a normal life event and health promotion for women of all ages, the midwifery model of care is an appropriate alternative or complement to the medical approach to childbirth.”


“It is inherently unwise, and perhaps unsafe, for women with normal pregnancies to be cared for by an obstetric specialist. ... Midwives and general practitioners, on the other hand, are primarily oriented to the care of women with normal pregnancies, and are likely to have more detailed knowledge of individual women.”


“It is the finding and vision of the Taskforce that the midwifery model of care is an essential element of comprehensive health care for women and their families that should be embraced by, and incorporated into, the health care system and made available to all women.”


“Midwives are the most appropriate primary health care provider to be assigned to the care of normal birth.”


“Midwives attend the vast majority of births in those industrialized countries with the best perinatal outcomes...”