



South Eastman Health/Santé Sud-Est Inc.

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1. The maternal/child care services are based on the philosophy of South Eastman Health/Santé Sud-Est Inc.
2. Pregnancy is a state of health and childbirth is a normal physiological process.
3. Formal and informal education will assist the family in making informed decisions that will benefit them and the community.
4. The best possible care of the family throughout labour, delivery and the post partum period is provided by friendly, knowledgeable care providers through close observation, supervision and support.
5. The best possible care is provided to the infant by making frequent assessments and reporting events which could effect health and development.
6. Strong family relationships throughout the perinatal period are promoted by encouraging participation of all family members in the birthing experience.
7. Understanding, sensitive care is provided by recognizing each family's individual and unique spiritual and emotional needs and by respecting the rights of each individual family.
8. An interdisciplinary team approach provides for all aspects of the family's care which includes referral to appropriate community resources.
9. Maternal/child services should be family directed.