

## Planning a Discussion After Your Screening

After the screening you might want to plan for a 30-60 minute Q&A discussion.

A few weeks before your screening, ask 2-4 local birth professionals, or others with related knowledge, to help lead the discussion and answer questions related to the film. These people could include a midwife, doula, birth educator, or someone who has experienced a home birth herself.

Suggest that they invite their clients, colleagues, students, and friends to the screening.

If you are in a large space, you may want to have a microphone for the panelists to pass to each other when speaking.

Open the discussion with an introduction of (or by) each panelist.

Prepare a few questions about the film and related topics for the experts to start the discussion:

- What are some of the challenges facing midwives in your state today?
- What was your favorite part of the film?
- Do you think this film reflects well on the Certified Professional Midwife profession?
- What impressions were you left with about home birth midwifery?

Or, you might want to start with some questions to the audience, such as:

- How many of you are birth professionals?
- Who here was familiar with what a home birth midwife does?
- Who here has had a home birth?

After one or two initial questions, you might open it up to the audience to ask questions. The moderator should delegate which of the panelists answers the questions, unless the audience member designates it to someone specifically. The moderator should try to keep the panelists from going too long or off topic.

It might be beneficial to inform the audience of the legalities of home birth in your state, and the options available at local birth centers.