

**BREASTFEEDING
WORKGROUP**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9,
2026
8:30am-12:30pm

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Directories and Online Sharing Docs



BFC Workgroup Sharing Notes

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Collaborative Folder

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[Directories](#)

Peer Counselor with Peer Manager

Level 3 and 4 Staff

BF Coordinator

8:30 AM-10:15 AM

- **State Staffing Updates:**
- **Trainings:**
 - **FY26 OA grant-funded trainings status/preferences**
 - **Spring PC training replacement**
 - **MIBFN Collaboration Webcast (Peers/All WIC staff)**
 - **Milk Expression Training**
 - **Peer Update 2026 Plans**
- **MI-WIC Release 9.13 Feedback**
- **FY 25 ME Lactation Citations Summary**
- **Breastfeeding Rates Monitoring Challenges**
- **Guidance Documents:**
 - **Silicone Pump Device/Wearable Pumps**
 - **Revised Breastfeeding Food Package Guidance**
- **Breast Pumps and Supplies:**
 - **Annual Order**
 - **Pump Pilot Status**
 - **Zomee Pump Trial local agencies/survey**
- **National BF Month Plans**
 - **Campaign Ideas**
 - **Community Engagement Funding**
- **Peer Counselor Topic:**
 - **Texting Technology Used by Peers**
- **April Workgroup Meeting: In-Person vs Virtual**
- **Quick Mentions: IBCLC Support Group, Ohio WIC IBCLC Support Group meeting dates, Milk Expression Training (possible additional milk expression training), Hospital PC Toolkit update, 2026 BFAE Application Period extension, BF Connections Winter Edition (no Fall 2025 edition), 2026 Latina BF Support Group dates, Regional PC training-documentation portion posted as archived webcast, Jan Tedder video, Lactation Program Check-ins are on again**

10:15-10:30 am	Break
10:30-11:30 am	<p>Local Agency Sharing</p> <p>Each local agency is welcome to share ideas, tools and resources. Sharing is limited to 3 minutes to allow time for everyone to participate. Enter your sharing notes here</p>
11:30-12:30pm	Focused Discussion

State Team Staffing Updates

- State Peer Counselor Coordinator position
 - Position to be posted in the next 1-2 weeks. Goal is for this position to be filled sometime in February.
- Regional LCs
 - Now available to assist with Peer support PC orientation, Peer sharing meetings, Lactation Program Check-ins.
 - Applications for Metro Detroit Regional LC will be posted later this year.
- Joyce Bryant retirement
- Indigenous Community Liaison
 - Hoping to fill this position in 2026.





Trainings

OA Grant-Funded Training

- Dependent on funding.
- Will most likely not start until June.
- Survey sent out to LA staff in Fall to assess OA Training option preferences to help with preliminary plans for FY 26 offerings.
- May not offer to community partners, only WIC staff.
- Discussion on which 2 or 3 trainings could be offered to peers to replace WIC Conference.

OA Grant-Funded Training
Course Options:
Full Circle Life Coaching

1. Mastitis: What
is the New
Guidance? (June-
Sept) (**New**)

2. Lasting Latch:
Encouraging BF
Duration (June-
Sept) (**New**)

OA Grant-
Funded Training
Course Options:
Birth Queens and
Milk Queens
(Bianca Nash-
Miot)

1. Beyond the Shape: Compassionate Support for Curvaceous Lactating People (July-Sept)
2. Tiny Fighters, Strong Families: Navigating Feeding after NICU and Critical Illness (June, July, August) **(New)**

OA Grant-Funded Training

Course Options: IABLE

1. Exclusive Pumping: The Basics (2 hrs/June, July)
2. Exclusive Pumping: Beyond the Basics (June-Aug)
3. Parental and Infant Hlth During Lactation (June – Aug)
4. Low Milk Production (**New**)

OA Grant-Funded Training

Course Options: LactaLearning

1. Lactation Pain Mngmt: Symptoms, Causes (June, July)
2. Avoiding and Resolving Lactation Struggles (**New**) (June, July)

OA Grant-Funded Training

Course Options: LEC

1. CLS (June, July)
2. Certification Exam Cram Course (June, July)
3. Ethics and WHO course (**New**)

Spring PC Training Replacement Options (OA Grant Trainings)

Ranking Results (Most interested to least)

1. Lasting Latch: Encouraging BF Duration (Full Circle)
2. Tiny Fighters, Strong Families (NICU topic) (Birth Queens/Milk Queens)
3. Lactation Pain Management (LactaLearning)
4. Exclusive Pumping: Beyond the Basics (IABLE)
5. Exclusive Pumping: The Basics (IABLE)

Quick Reminders about future trainings

- [MIBFN Panel Discussion Webcast](#)
 - Recording available (required for Peers as their Winter Training): starting 2/5/26
 - Live Q and A (will be recorded)(encouraged for Peers, but not required if unavailable): 2/12/26
- [Milk Expression Training](#) (3/18/26)
 - Registration Details
 - Open to nutrition/lactation staff who train their staff on milk expression
 - Michigan-focused training on milk expression
- Peer Update 2026 (9/22/26)
 - MWR Collaboration Virtual Conference
 - Collaborative Panel of Peers: Best Practices
 - Possible Topics: peer counselor mental health/self-care, bereavement and lactation after loss, return to breastfeeding after bottle feeding, PMADS, extended BF/duration, preparing families prenatally for breastfeeding
 - Peer of the Year, 10 Year Peers, and Breastfeeding Awards of Excellence will be recognized separately during National Breastfeeding Month

MIBFN Collaboration Webcast

- Presented by Shonte' Terhune-Smith
- Focus: How to collaborate with community partners and improve the WIC Client/LA experience/relationship and address barriers to WIC referrals.
- Live Q&A on 2/12/26 from 9:30-10:30am. [Register](#) to receive the Zoom calendar link.
- Reach out to Dionne if any your agency would like to describe your success stories of partnerships with community organizations at the live Q&A.
- Panel discussion recording will be made available prior to live Q&A. 1 hour in length. Access coming soon.
- MIBFN will also start offering a webinar presentations series (separate from winter training) – 2 presenters/topics each. Technology, recipes/food packages, CHWs, etc.



**ADDRESSING
BARRIERS TO
WIC REFFERALS**

Other Upcoming Trainings

- BF Coordinator (4/14)
- Peer Manager Training (4/15)
- Advanced Clinical Lactation Skills (6/17-6/18)

(registration for ACLS is near capacity but WIC staff will be considered as priority if waitlisted)

MI-WIC 9.13 Release Feedback

- Sometimes packages don't save properly.
- Errors when changing category from BP to NPP.
- New packages are great.
- A lot of extra customizing than before.
- The only food packages that show up automatically are for clients who need the 1.5 x BE Max. All other clients eligible for an alternative package will need to follow the "show all eligible food packages" process and make sure to select the correct food package.
- Difficulty educating clients when odd number of quarts when substitutions are made.
 - Per Brooke- system will follow the odd/even rule when this occurs with one more quart in the odd month, one less quart in the even month.
- Struggling with taking milk out of the package.
 - Per Brooke- will have to zero out the substitutions to change to milk, and then zero out milk.

MI-WIC 9.13 Release Updates

- Starting the week of January 12th, the State will start running Ad-hoc Reports for clients with a customized food package placeholder.
- If any clients are not converted by mid-February, the State will convert as a back-up.
- Standard packages will receive the standard placeholder.
- Request for a report searching for specific foods (soy and 2%. The State can run an Ad-hoc by request.
- Request for a list of all known bugs (if any).
- E-Notice will come out summarizing staff action items moving forward (**WIC E-Notice #2026-10: Replacing Food Package Placeholders – ACTION NEEDED**). Email Julie and Brooke with food package questions or bugs.
- Updated versions of Breastfeeding Food Package Guidance Document and Cheat Sheet (effective 3/1/26) can be found [here](#).

It's ME time





2025 Breastfeeding ME Citations



Nancy Erickson, MS, RD, CLE
WIC Consultant





Indicator
6.5d

Not Met 12 LA (55%)

- **Summary:** Required two-day breastfeeding contact following notification of a baby's birth and/or two-day follow-up after receiving a breast pump. Also includes Breastfeeding contact during prenatal period (PG).

Pump Follow-up Citations

5 Local Agencies (out of 22 LA)

- 1 out of 4 pumps

- 3 out of 12 “

- 4 out of 17 “

- 7 out of 15 “

- 6 out of 24 “

4 LA with repeat citations



Birth Follow-up Citations

9 Local Agencies (out of 22 LA)

- 2 out of 2

- 2 out of 4 X 2

- 3 out of 4 x 2

- 3 out of 5

- 4 out of 5

- 5 out of 5

1 LA with repeat citations





6.5 Overall

YEAR	MET #	MET %	NOT MET #	NOT MET %
2020/2021 (22)	15	68%	7	32%
2021/2022 (25)	5	20%	20	80%
2022/2023 (22)	5	23%	17	77%
2023/2024 (25)	16	64%	9	36%
2024/2025 (22)	10	45%	12	55%

Repeat Citations

Number of Repeat Citations	Year	
12	2025	4 out of 12 - Pumps
12	2024	6 out of 12 - Pumps
12	2023	8 out of 12 - Pumps
4	2022	
5	2021	
4	2020	
5	2019	



Indicator
9.1a

Not Met 3 LA (14%)

- Maintains complete and accurate records including, but not be limited to, information pertaining to financial operations, time studies, equipment purchases and inventory, local agency policies and procedures, training, quality assurance/audits/record reviews.

Monthly multi-user pump Follow-up Citations

2 Local Agencies (out of 22 LA)

-1 out of 3 multi-user pumps did not have monthly follow up documented.

-5 out of 11 multi-user pumps did not have monthly follow up documented.

(1 LA - Annual program review not completed.)





9.1 Overall

YEAR	MET #	MET %	NOT MET #	NOT MET %
2020/2021 (22)	17	77%	5	23%
2021/2022 (25)	18	72%	7	28%
2022/2023 (22)	15	68%	7	32%
2023/2024 (25)	18	72%	7	28%
2024/2025 (22)	19	86%	3	14%



Lactation Citations Summary

- [Preparation for ME: Breastfeeding Specific Policy 4.02 Guidance Document](#)
- Feedback from LAs:
 - Having a way to track or alert staff in MI-WIC would be helpful
 - Add a column in MI-WIC for 2-day follow-ups
 - Consider revising policy to something more manageable for staff
 - Many clients do not appreciate the frequent calls/texts
 - Run EDD Report
 - Run Clinic Appointment List Report (Check for newly scheduled Certs/PCerts)



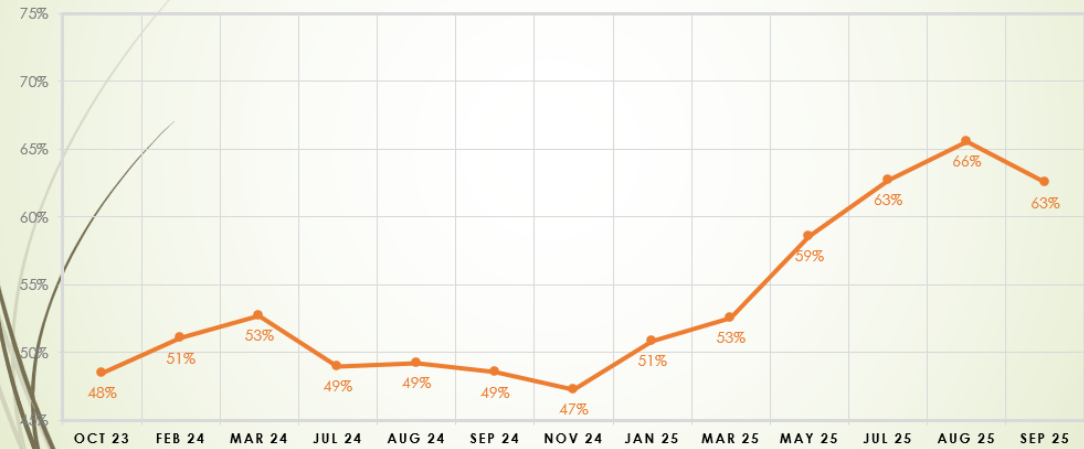
Breastfeeding Rates Monitoring Challenges

- ▶ What is the problem?
 - ▶ When using Data Template Report to track 3 month and 6 month exclusivity, data captured and displayed appears to be inaccurate.
 - ▶ Problem with how this data is being captured in MIWIC
 - ▶ Will take a closer look at rates at April meeting.
 - ▶ Think about what kinds of reports you may want State assistance with so you do not have to pull. Similar to the Food Utilization Reports that are compiled.

Breastfeeding Rates Monitoring Challenges

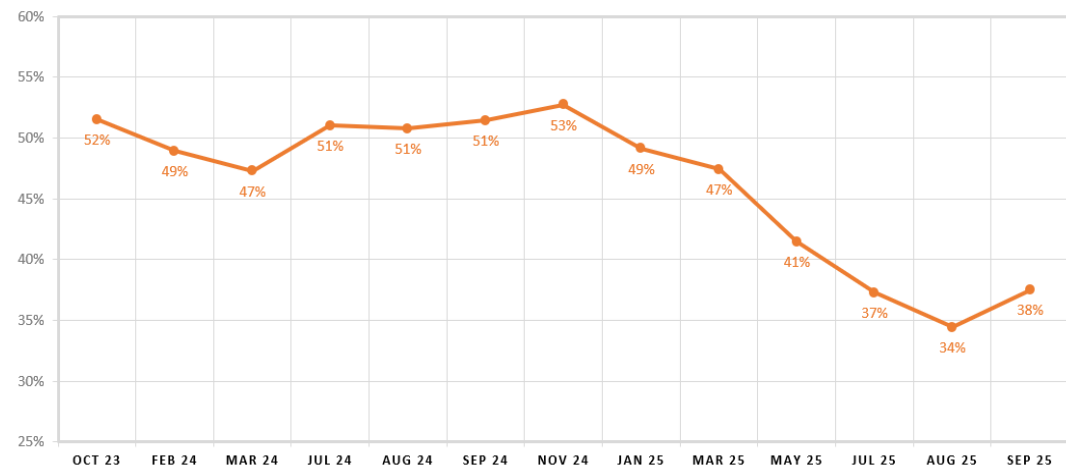
Central Michigan District Health Department 3 Month Exclusivity

Data Source: Pre-defined Reports



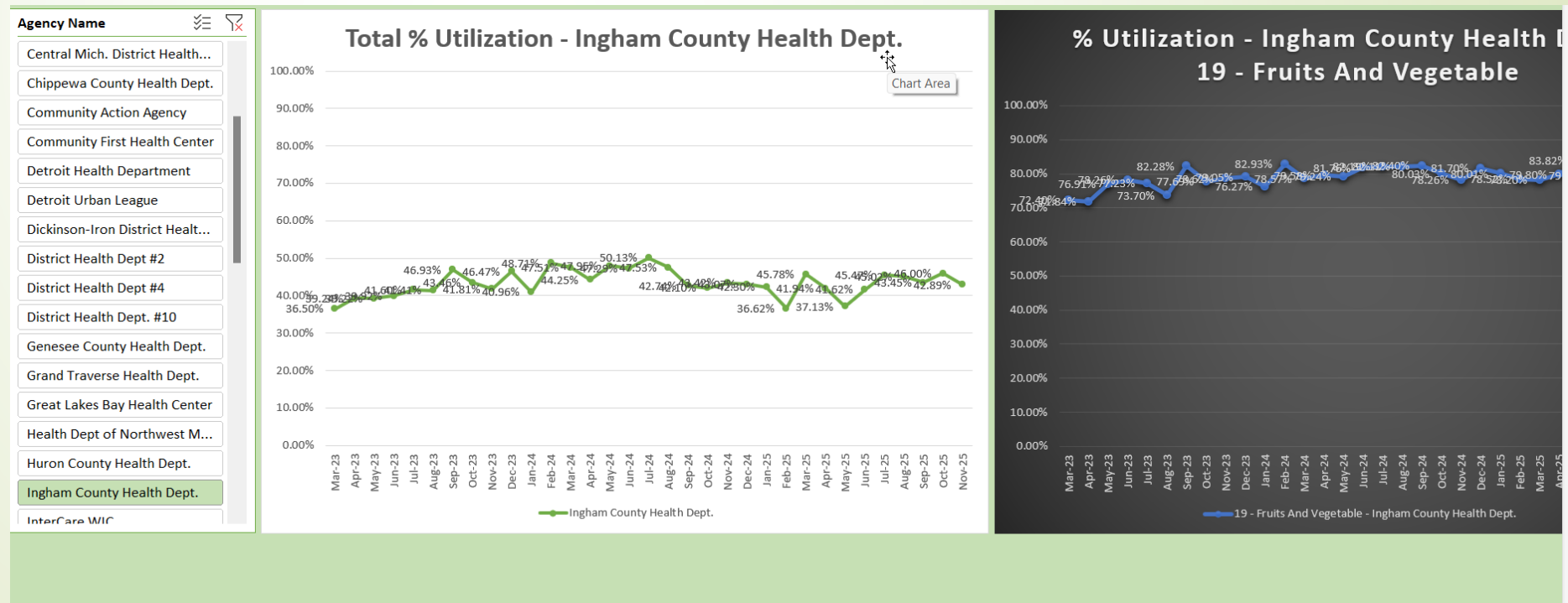
Central Michigan District Health Department 6 Month Exclusivity

Data Source: Pre-defined Reports



Food Utilization Report

- Created by Department Analyst Eric Johnson with DSM.
- May be able to assist creating a similar spreadsheet for LAs focusing on breastfeeding statistics
 - If you would like to see statistics that can be pulled from MI-WIC outside of initiation, duration and exclusivity, please reach out to Dionne. (Ex- # clients interested in receiving BF support)



Guidance Documents

- Feeding Device Guidance Documents updated to include Passive Milk Collector (Lasinoh): work in progress
- Wearable Pump Guidance: work in progress (hoping to complete before Zomee pumps are shipped to the LAs that requested to trial)
- Updated versions of Breastfeeding Food Package Guidance Document and Cheat Sheet (effective 3/1/26) can be found [here](#).



Breast Pumps & Supplies

Breast Pumps & Supplies

- Annual Order: Items coming as direct shipment from J&B. Inventory request survey will be sent to LAs February/March.
- Pump pilot: Hygeia
Pro cost has increased, may take this pump out of the pilot.
- Zomee pump trial: shipping to LAs February/March
- Request to check if State has a supply of passive milk collectors and breast pads. Dionne investigating.
- Request for flange inserts and adapters.

Zomee Pump Trial Agencies

Berrien County
Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties
Detroit Health Department
Chippewa County Health Department
Saginaw 73
Shiawassee County
DHD2
Kalamazoo County
MMDHD
OCHD
Monroe WIC
Health Department of Northwest Michigan
St. Clair County
Genesee County
Grand Traverse County Health Department
Sanilac County Health Department
Jackson
OLHSA
MMCAA WIC
Wayne County 8200
Public Health- Muskegon County WIC
Calhoun County
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10
Lapeer County Health Department
Great Lakes Bay Health Centers
Community First Health Centers
Community Action Agency
District Health Department No. 4
Macomb County Health Dept
LMAS

Pump Pilot Status

- Pump Pilot focuses on drop-shipping personal use pumps directly to client homes. More convenient for clients, frees up space for local agency.
- Challenge with having release of information signed, may impact future of going statewide.
- Continuing to have periodic meetings with pilot agencies, next meeting February, working on sending potential dates to local agencies this month.
- Survey to assess how things are going with staff and clients (hope to send out in February).
- Additional agencies: InterCare, Calhoun, Muskegon



2026

**NATIONAL
BREASTFEEDING
MONTH**





**Photos from 2025
events**



2026-2027

Campaign Ideas

Idea #1: Milk in

Motion

2026 Focus (Parent)

Supporting breastfeeding families at work, school,
and everywhere in between

2027 Focus (Infant)

Educating parents on how their milk is always
changing and specific to their baby.

and/Or... while baby is separated from parent?
Daycare, with partner, helping adjust to bottle, etc.

Idea #2: Rooting for

You

2026 Focus (Infant)

Recognizing and responding to infant feeding cues

2027 Focus (Parent)

Mental health education and support resources

**WIC SUPPORTS
SUPERHEROES**

2026-2027 Campaign

Ranking Ideas (Poll)

- Milk in Motion (3%)
- **Rooting for You (30%)**
- Both! MiM 26-27, RfY 28-29 (27%)
- **Both! RfY 26-27, MiM 28-29 (27%)**
- WIC Supports Superheroes (Year 3)(6%)

2026-2027 Campaign

Year 1 Materials (Ranking Poll)

1. Bulletin board
2. 11x13 posters
3. Clinic Window clings
4. Yard signs
5. Other Ideas shared: tent tables, stickers, seed packets, waiting room videos

2026-2027 Campaign

Year 2 Materials (Ranking Poll)

1. Table cover
2. Retractable banner
3. Teardrop/feather flags
4. Outdoor vinyl banners
5. Other Ideas shared: nursing cover/swaddle



Other Ideas

- Social media toolkit
- TikTok/FB/Instagram reels
- Text messaging toolkit
- Podcast/video- peers providing education

Rooting for You Poster Concepts

(graphic designs and readability yet to be

completed)

Rooting for You

Poster 1 Concept

Rooting for You: Rooting Is Just the Beginning

Early Hunger Cues

- Stirring
- Mouth opening
- Hands to mouth
- Rooting
- Light fussing

Feeding at early cues supports milk supply and easier latch.

Rooting for You

Poster 2 Concept

Rooting for You: Don't Wait for the Cry

Late Hunger Cues

- Crying
- Stiff body
- Turning red
- Arching

Crying is a late hunger cue—babies feed best before distress.

Rooting for You

Poster 3 Concept

Rooting for You: Rooted in Rhythm, Not the Clock

Responsive Feeding through growth spurts, cluster feeding, and evening fussiness leads to

- Better milk supply regulation
- Improved infant satisfaction
- Reduced parental anxiety

Frequent feeding is normal and temporary.

Rooting for You

Poster 4 Concept

Rooting for You: Full Is a Feeling

Satiety (Fullness) Cues

- Slowed sucking
- Relaxed hands
- Turning away
- Falling asleep
- Open palms

Babies self-regulate intake when caregivers honor fullness cues.

Rooting for You

Poster 5 Concept

Rooting for You: Cues Work for Breast & Bottle

- Paced feeding
- Watch baby, not the bottle
- Pause frequently
- Let baby stop on their own

Responsive feeding protects milk supply and prevents overfeeding.

Milk in Motion

Top 3 Poster Concepts (Ranking
Poll)

- 1. Rooting is Just the Beginning**
- 2. Don't Wait for the Cry**
- 3. Rooted in Rhythm**
4. Full is a feeling
5. Cues work for Breast and Bottle

Rooting for You

Swag Ideas

2026 Focus (Infant)

Feeding cue magnet

Feeding cue bookmark

Feeding cue card (wallet-sized)

Feeding cue vinyl stickers

Rooting for You

Rank Swag Ideas (Ranking Poll)

1. Feeding cue magnet
2. Feeding cue vinyl stickers
3. Seed packets
4. Wallet-sized feeding cue card
5. Feeding cue bookmark

Rooting for You

Other Materials

WIC Quick Counseling Scripts

Themed Zine

4-Week Social Media Roll-Out

Text Blast Messages

2026-2027 Campaign

By April Workgroup...

- Material designs drafted
- Materials submitted for translation
- Swag options narrowed down
- Press release drafted

Community Engagement Funding



Thoughts about how things went last year



Pit Stop Interest



Funding Only

Great feedback shared regarding the Pit Stop materials. Some agencies are hoping to build on materials received. Working on an interest survey for LAs, hoping to order items by early July.

A photograph of two young women in a brightly lit hallway. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. They are holding their hands up to form a heart shape. The woman on the left is wearing a black and white striped long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. The woman on the right is wearing a dark cardigan over a light-colored shirt, glasses, and light blue jeans. The background shows a hallway with windows and doors.

Peer Counselor Program

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Texting Technology Poll Questions

- What kind of texting technology do your peers use?
 - Individual PC phone (84%)
 - Shared PC phone (9%)
 - Computer app (i.e.-Pinger)(6%)
 - None (0%)
- If peers share a phone, does the phone remain in the office or is it left with the peer counselor?
 - Remains in the office (15%)
 - Left with the Peer (60%)
 - Other or N/A (25%)
- Feedback from LAs
 - Using a computer app, but looking for another as it hasn't been working well for the clinic.
 - Cell phone is taken home on designated after hours days.
 - Peers have their own desk phone, but share a cell phone.
 - Each of our 6 Peers has their own phone.

Next Breastfeeding Work Group

Friday, April 24, 2026
8:30 am-12:30pm virtual

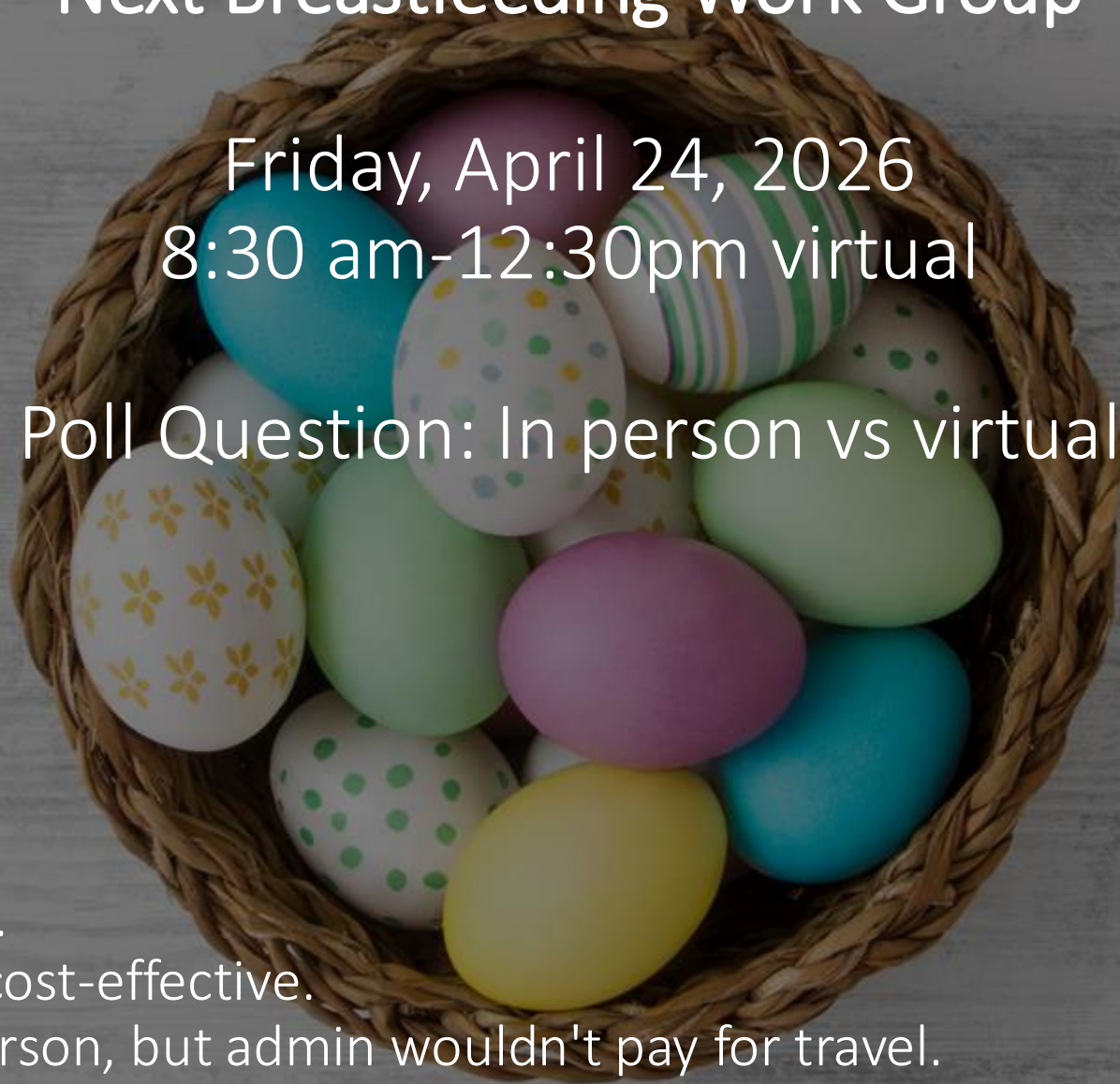
Poll Question: In person vs virtual

Poll results:

- In person (31%)
- Virtual (69%)

Feedback from LAs:

- Consider hybrid.
- Virtual is more cost-effective.
- Would like in person, but admin wouldn't pay for travel.
- Consider 10am-3pm if in person.



Peer Counselor Development Task Force

- Peer Counselor/Hospital Collaboration Toolkit
 - Purpose: assist with building relationships with hospitals and understanding how to have peer in the hospital and hospital to understand the benefits of having a peer.
 - Meetings have been on hold- until State Peer Counselor Coordinator position has been filled.
 - Delay in full roll out of toolkit – Spring/Summer 2026
 - Started to post on Breastfeeding for Managers and Coordinators section of website, under Collaboration and outreach: [Hospital/PC Collaboration Toolkit: The Peer Counselor Difference](#)

COLLABORATION AND OUTREACH

Local Agency Breastfeeding Collaboration

- Visit our Google Drive [Collaboration folder](#) to find sample documents on breast pumps, infant feeding classes, infants at work programs & policies, and staff training.

Breastfeeding Work Group

- [Breastfeeding Workgroup](#) (Meets virtually on Friday in January, April, July, October on Friday 8:30-12:30)
- Visit our Google Sheets LA [Sharing Notes page](#) to gather great ideas from each other.

Community Partners

- [WIC Materials Available to our Maternal Child Health Partners](#)

Directories

- [Breastfeeding Coordinators](#)
- [Breastfeeding Peer Counselors](#)
- [Level 3 & 4 Breastfeeding Staff](#)
- [Regional Lactation Consultants \(LCs\)](#)

The Peer Counselor Difference: Hospital/Peer Counselor Collaboration Toolkit Resources

- Examples of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - [USDA BF Curriculum Sample MOU](#)
 - [Indiana WIC LA MOU](#)
 - [OCHD MOU](#)
 - [WIC Community Liaison MOU](#)
- [WIC Peer Counselor in the Hospital Job Description](#)
- [WIC Peer Counselor in the Hospital Scope of Practice](#)

Hospital PC Collaboration Toolkit Feedback

- If you have a collaborative partnership with a hospital that allows your PC to visit and provide Peer support, our Task Force would love to hear from you.
- Input needed to build the Hospital PC Collaboration Toolkit: data, introduction guidance, policies, helpful templates, MOUs, job descriptions, scope of practice, etc.
- Reach out to Dionne about your availability or if you just want to provide basic feedback without being a part of the group.
- PC Task Force meetings are once per month, the third Wednesday of each month

2026 Breastfeeding Awards of Excellence



- ❖ 2026 Application deadline extended to 2/1/26
- ❖ [WIC Works Resource System](#)

USDA WIC Works Resource System
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ABOUT RESOURCES TRAINING CONTACT PUBLICATION ORDERING

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WIC Breastfeeding Award of Excellence

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Registration and logging in to WIC Works requires two, separate and active accounts - a WIC Works account and a Login.gov account. Please review all of the instructions on the [Registration and Login page](#).

Once logged in, a "Log out" link will appear in the upper right-hand corner of website. Return to this page to start or continue an application.

The 2026 application period is open December 1, 2025 through February 2, 2026.

[Start/Continue an Application](#)

Resources

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- Ohio WIC IBCLC Support Group (Exam Prep): 2026 dates
 - Also, Michigan WIC has IBCLC exam study materials (on loan, return to the State once no longer needed). Email your request to Dionne.

January 15, 2026

February 19, 2026

March 19, 2026

***April 16, 2026 (last minute study advice focus)**

May 21, 2026

June 18, 2026

July 16, 2026

August 20, 2026

***September 3, 2026 (last minute study advice focus)**

Meeting Information:

Meeting ID: 292 518 054 568 70

Passcode: MC2W2go2

Dial in by phone

[+1 614-721-2972](tel:+16147212972), [112625390#](tel:+112625390) United States,

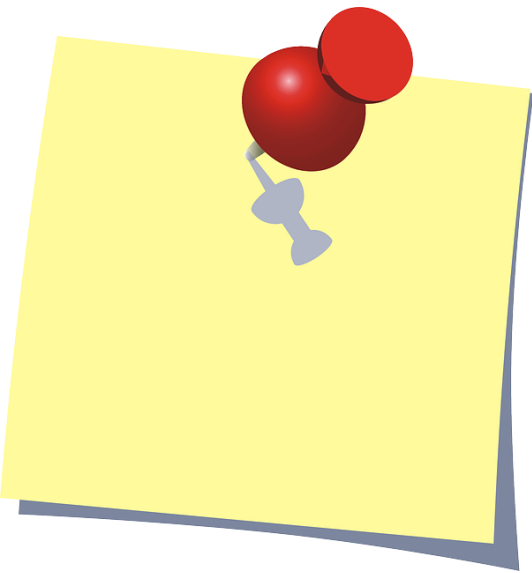
Columbus

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 112 625 390#

Meeting times: 9am-10am EST

Reminders



I'm @ proud BREASTFEEDING Mom

Breastfeeding Peer counselor
WIC
Phone #: 313-6076182
E-mail address : lnasser@waynecountymi.gov

LAYAL

In person Arabic Classes Available every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM





Breastfeeding Support Group For Latina Moms!



Are you breastfeeding or pregnant and thinking about breastfeeding? Join our virtual support group!

2026 Dates

- Friday January 9, 2026 11 AM
- Friday April 10, 2026 11 AM
- Friday July 10, 2026 11 AM
- Friday October 9, 2026 11 AM

Scan the QR code to join.



<https://washtenawcountv.zoom.us/j/86964192799>

For questions, more information or to register contact:

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¡Grupo de apoyo a la lactancia para mamás latinas!



¿Estás amamantando o estás embarazada y estás pensando en amamantar? Únete a nuestro grupo de apoyo virtual!

Fechas de 2026

- Viernes 9 de enero de 2026 11 a.m.
- Viernes 10 de abril de 2026 11 a.m.
- Viernes 10 de julio de 2026 11 a.m.
- Viernes 9 de octubre de 2026 11 a.m.

Escanea el código QR para unirte a la sesión.



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Para preguntas, más información o para registrarse, póngase en contacto con:

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Esta institución brinda igualdad de oportunidades.



Washtenaw assisting with log-in information for Ama Mantando to share with Dionne to be added to the website.



Quick Bites

- Michigan WIC IBCLC Support Group Status: First Meeting is 1/28/26 from 11am-12 noon join [here](#)
- Possible Additional Milk Expression Training (Recording)
- BF Connections Winter Edition
- 2025 Regional PC Training- Only Documentation Portion
- Jan Tedder [video](#)
- Lactation Program Check-Ins are back on
- Multi-user/Single User Pump Release E forms- are LAs using?
Feedback: Most agencies print blank copies from the website.



Local Agency Sharing

- BFC Work Group
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- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Ek7vAeaHC5qUzzCMi10oXrFUEVaAIWMmsU_bHf0PQM/edit?gid=1886541597#gid=1886541597

Peer Workforce Survey Results

- Dionne shared presentation on survey results relating to peer retention.
- Original survey was developed to address issues with filling RD positions, but goal of Michigan WIC Workforce Task Force is to review issues with hiring/retention of all WIC roles.
- PPT presentation shared during Focused Discussion was based on presentation created by Tara Fisher.
- Hoping to discuss the topic of Peer Counselor retention further at future BF Workgroup meetings.

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