

Sustaining Breastfeeding—Together

Michiganders are devoted to growing healthy babies. Breastfeeding promotes strong immune systems and protects against illness and infection. It guards against childhood obesity and diabetes. Breastfeeding forms a unique mother-baby bond. Educating families before babies are born and providing consistent, accessible support for the first year of life and beyond are keys to helping moms and babies develop strong feeding relationships and reach their breastfeeding goals.

August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan. In order to promote early breastfeeding success and breastfeeding outcomes, the Michigan Breastfeeding Network has announced a statewide initiative including hospitals, WIC agencies, the Department of Health and Human Services, community stakeholders, coalitions, and _____ to provide continuity of care for mothers and babies. According to _____, International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, this collaboration could lead to higher breastfeeding initiation and duration rates, healthier babies, and closer families.

According to Governor Snyder in his Breastfeeding Awareness Month Proclamation, Michigan is committed to reducing infant mortality and increasing health of mothers and babies through education and support of breastfeeding and collaboration between hospitals, businesses, community agencies, and coalitions to provide consistent and accurate information.

Activities throughout the state are planned to draw attention to the importance of breastfeeding for the health and well-being of mothers and children.