

# DECEMBER 2020 LOCAL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTER MEETING REPORT



I'm so thankful this [Michigan Department of Corrections Video Visiting Standards] is on MIBFN's radar! I was appalled when I saw this. **Enough with sexualizing breast/chestfeeding!**

- Mistel de Varona, Local Breastfeeding Supporter

## HIGHLIGHTS




Birth and breastfeeding justice during COVID-19

**Action:**  
Advocacy and outreach with local breastfeeding support organizations (hospitals, WIC agencies, community organizations)



Upholding the civil rights of breastfeeding families of incarcerated people in Michigan

**SUCCESS!**



Comment on State of Michigan Breastfeeding Plan

**Action:**  
Feedback gathered and sent to MDHHS (root causes of breastfeeding inequity, decolonizing data collection, systemic support for breastfeeding outcomes, and financial investment in breastfeeding support services, acknowledgement of and investment in traditional breastfeeding practices)

**Action:**  
Direct advocacy with Michigan Department of Corrections to change their October 2020 standards to allow breastfeeding during video calls

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