

Birth Justice

- All inpatient and outpatient birthing care organizations provide all personnel with training to support breastfeeding/bodyfeeding
- Equitable compensation for birth and breastfeeding/bodyfeeding professionals is based on the levels of clinical skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions involved in doing the work
- Birth and breastfeeding/bodyfeeding support are offered at low/no cost to families and families have access to financial aid when they need it.
- Birth and breastfeeding/bodyfeeding care teams are multidisciplinary and meet the following criteria
 - Racially and ethnically representative of the families they serve
 - Skilled in adhering to the cultural traditions of each family they serve
 - Trauma-informed
 - Center the families they serve
 - Communicate with each other to coordinate care and optimize families' health outcomes
- IBCLC is a stand-alone credential that does not require significant financial burden to obtain
- A multitude of birthing locations and resource options are available to each family, including homebirth, birth centers, and hospitals and costs do not limit choices among families.
- Milk expression education and supplies - e.g. pumps and equipment - are easily accessed, equitably distributed, and offered at low/no cost to the breastfeeding/bodyfeeding parent. Access to financial aid is available when parents need it.
- Milk sharing programs are readily accessible, honor the cultural traditions of the milk donor and milk recipient, and are offered at low/no cost to families. Access to financial aid is available when families need it
- Birth spaces and birthing center policy recognize the importance of support persons for the laboring parent without restrictions or hardship
- Parents and newborns are kept together in critical hours after birth, including during crises and emergencies.
- Postpartum policies support bonding time to help parents and infants to establish breastfeeding/bodyfeeding without intrusion by unnecessary staff or procedures
- Families have access to birth and/or postpartum doula support that is easily accessed and free of financial burden to the family
- Medicare for all is guaranteed

Tools to support these priorities are available for download at www.mibreastfeeding.org/tools.
To nominate breastfeeding supportive-outpatient providers, visit www.mibreastfeeding.org/awards.