

GEOGRAPHIC-BASED COALITIONS CHECKLIST

MIBFN is a geographic organization, we serve families across Michigan, and the way we describe ourselves is the same as how we think about our geographic partners, “We are a broad, diverse network of breastfeeding supporters throughout Michigan who are committed to disrupting systemic oppression and creating the conditions that are necessary to reclaim human milk feeding as the normal standard for infant and young child feeding via changes in policies and cultural norms. We serve in solidarity with the breastfeeding supporters and organizations who are led by and serving the families most disproportionately impacted by systemic oppression.”

WHEN WE WORK ALONGSIDE GEOGRAPHIC-BASED COALITIONS, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTNERSHIP ALIGNS WITH MIBFN VALUES. THIS INCLUDES:

- Serving in solidarity with the most marginalized folks** in your community and leveraging your resources - platforms, meetings, etc. - to ensure their priorities are addressed
- Demonstrating commitment to anti-racist education** within the coalition
- Actively reaching out to marginalized folks** and cultivating a sense of belonging that ensures there is a benefit to their work if they join their coalition
- Recognizing and addressing the gaps/disparities** that exist in your community

