## MIBEN CONTRACTUAL PARTNERSHIP

## IDENTITY PARTNERS CHECKLIST

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.

IDENTITY PARTNERS ARE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO REFLECT AND REPRESENT THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE AND WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE SERVING BREASTFEEDING FAMILIES WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE DEFICITS OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CONNECTEDNESS AMONG BLACK AND INDIGENOUS LOCAL LEADERS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO DEFICITS OF PROGRAMS AND IDEAS.

YOU bring programs and ideas to your community.
YOU are the expert(s) on what your community needs.
YOU are trusted by the families you serve.

WE SEE YOU, AND WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOU IN GETTING WHERE YOU WANT TO GO. BECAUSE WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS, OUTCOMES WILL CHANGE.



