

# RACIAL EQUITY IN BREASTFEEDING AND IMMUNIZATIONS GRANT

This project took place from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 with the goal of planning and implementing strategies that ensured greater equity and access to COVID-19 vaccine by Black and Indigenous families with young children who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. A special thank you to United Way for Southeastern Michigan for their \$20,000 in support of this work.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

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"Holding Space: Breastfeeding and Mental Health Support During A Pandemic" **support groups** held virtually with BIPOC participants from across Michigan where COVID-19 was a priority topic

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individual **prenatal and postpartum consults** with skilled lactation support and referrals made as needed to medical providers that administer COVID-19 vaccine

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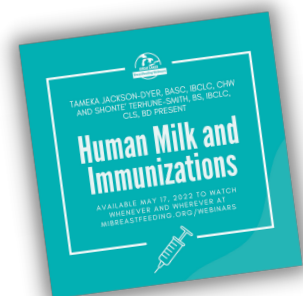
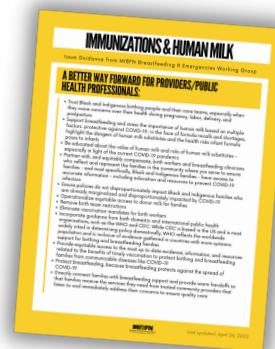
**CORE Cohort Meetings and Local Breastfeeding Supporter Meetings** attended during October-December 2021 where additional COVID-19 and breastfeeding topics were discussed

**"WHEN DISCUSSING PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGNS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ADDRESS THE HARM THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN COMMUNITIES THAT TRUSTED HEALTH OFFICIALS BEFORE EXPECTING COMMUNITIES TO TRUST AGAIN. I BELIEVE THE WEBINAR ADDRESSES SOME OF THESE ISSUES AND STEPS FOR CHANGE."**

-Shonte' Terhune-Smith, BS, IBCLC, CLS, BD, SEMI Co-Founder



## EDUCATION



Participated in planning and implementation of **Trap Chat** panel discussion about human milk and immunizations hosted by YOLO Breastfeeding in partnership with MIBFN, CORE Cohort, and Milk Like Mine



Co-created with MIBFN and Breastfeeding in Emergencies Working Group a **social marketing campaign and toolkit** to increase awareness and understanding of COVID-19 on Black and Indigenous families



Presented **Great Lakes Breastfeeding Webinar "Human Milk and Immunizations"** presented by Tameka Jackson-Dyer, BASc, IBCLC, CHW and Shonte' Terhune-Smith, BS, IBCLC, CLS, BD to educate medical providers on how COVID-19 uniquely influences Black and Indigenous families and suggest strategies for increasing families' trust in utilizing the vaccine



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