


During the June Local Breastfeeding Supporter Meeting, participants chose to focus the meeting's conversation on

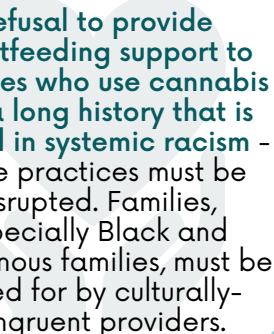
CANNABIS AND BREASTFEEDING

SOME THEMES THAT EMERGED FROM THIS MEETING ARE:

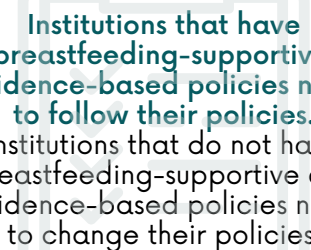


Conflicting information is being provided to parents about cannabis and breastfeeding among hospitals, local public health departments, community-based breastfeeding support organizations, home visitors, and other providers who work with birthing families.

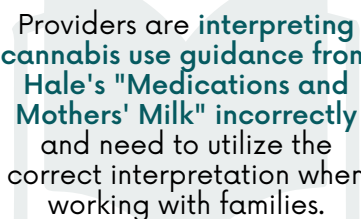
The decision to withhold breastfeeding support from families who use cannabis is harmful to families and does not align with commitment to do no harm.



Refusal to provide breastfeeding support to families who use cannabis has a long history that is rooted in systemic racism - these practices must be disrupted. Families, especially Black and Indigenous families, must be cared for by culturally-congruent providers.



Institutions that have breastfeeding-supportive, evidence-based policies need to follow their policies. Institutions that do not have breastfeeding-supportive and evidence-based policies need to change their policies.



Providers are interpreting cannabis use guidance from Hale's "Medications and Mothers' Milk" incorrectly and need to utilize the correct interpretation when working with families.



OUR WORK CONTINUES TO ENSURE THAT EVERY FAMILY IS TREATED WITH RESPECT AND THAT BREASTFEEDING IS PROTECTED.

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THIS REPORT WAS GENERATED FROM DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE 16, 2022 LOCAL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTER MEETING. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE MEETINGS, VISIT [MIBREASTFEEDING.ORG/LOCAL-MEETINGS](https://mibreastfeeding.org/local-meetings).