

MIBFN FACT SHEET



ABOUT MIBFN

MIBFN collaborates with organizations and individuals to bring about actionable, system-level changes that are centered on the diverse experiences of Michigan families with young children.

Our mission is to advocate, educate, and community-build alongside families and organizations for the advancement of an equitable, just, and breastfeeding-supportive culture.

"I DONATE BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING I CAN DO. THE MIBFN IS DOING SUCH IMPORTANT WORK! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE CRITICAL MISSION: COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND JUSTICE, ADVOCACY EFFORTS, AND ULTIMATELY DISMANTLING OF SYSTEMS THAT CONTINUE TO BE BARRIERS FOR SUCCESSFUL BREASTFEEDING (ESPECIALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES) IN OUR SOCIETY.

THROUGHOUT MY RECENT PERSONAL BREASTFEEDING EXPERIENCE (17 MONTHS AND COUNTING!), I KNEW HOW PRIVILEGED I WAS TO HAVE A SOLID KNOWLEDGE BASE, FINANCIAL MEANS, GOOD HEALTH INSURANCE, ACCESS TO MULTIPLE HIGHLY SKILLED LACTATION PROFESSIONALS, SUPPORT FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS, PAID LEAVE FOR 12 WEEKS, A SUPPORTIVE BOSS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT, AND THE LIST COULD GO ON. EVERY PERSON WHO WANTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH BREASTFEEDING SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST WHAT I HAD! I KNOW DONATING TO MIBFN IS SOMETHING THAT IS GETTING US CLOSER TO MAKING THAT A REALITY."

Lauren Cody, RD, IBCLC, Local Breastfeeding Supporter in Macomb County



RECENT SUCCESSES



Serving alongside local lactation supporters, including establishing the CORE Cohort of 12 Black and Indigenous-led breastfeeding supporters and orgs, honoring and amplifying their resources and programs, as well as securing and working towards continued fund development for their work



Advocating and raising awareness of statewide and local issues, such as ongoing lead crises, formula shortage, and COVID-19 pandemic



Leveraging the Great Lakes Breastfeeding Webinars to shift the paradigm of expertise to Black and Indigenous supporters to share the expertise and experiences they've earned from within their own communities and offering 7 types of free continuing education



Hiring 5 staff members with equitable compensation and benefits to expand and intensify our work towards birth and breastfeeding justice

2023 GOALS

- Returning power to the breastfeeding justice movement by advocating for breastfeeding-supportive policies at the state and federal levels
- Increasing financial resources available to build and sustain the crucial work of community-based, equity-centered breastfeeding support across Michigan
- Expanding access to free lactation continuing education and building the public health workforce of breastfeeding supporters who reflect and represent the communities they serve

MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF OUR ANNUAL BUDGET IS RETURNED TO DIRECTLY INVEST IN 17+ BLACK AND INDIGENOUS-LED BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTER ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE FAMILIES FROM WITHIN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.



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