

LOCAL COALITIONS' CURRENT NEEDS AND BARRIERS

LOCAL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF THEIR COALITIONS, WITH MANY SHARING THAT THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF REBUILDING OR REVAMPING.



SEVERAL KEY CONSIDERATIONS WERE SHARED AS COALITION LEADERS WORK TO REBUILD AND STRENGTHEN THEIR COALITIONS.

Based on the expertise, knowledge, and lived experiences of Local Breastfeeding Supporters, folx shared to consider:

- Understanding history of local coalition, including local challenges and opportunities
- Defining what a coalition is, including its role in the community



BIGGEST BARRIERS TO LOCAL COALITION WORK INCLUDED LACK OF FUNDING AND LACK OF PARTICIPATION FROM LOCAL FOLX.

Local Breastfeeding Supporters shared that it has been difficult to find funding sources and apply for funding. In addition, without the funding to provide coalition members equitable compensation for their time in the meetings, participation in the meetings has been lower than desired.



LOCAL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTER MEETINGS ARE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLX TO LISTEN, LEARN, AND SHARE ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER.

Participants shared that they were grateful to share space with one another at the Local Breastfeeding Supporter Meeting and have a sense of community as they face similar experiences in supporting human milk feeding in their local communities.



"IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT OUR COALITION IS NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THIS POSITION OF REVAMPING AND HAVE FOLKS TO LEAN ON AS WE WALK THROUGH THE PROCESS."

Taniah Ingram, CBD, Local Breastfeeding Supporter



#1 NEED: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SO THAT LOCAL COALITIONS CAN GET TO WORK.