

# 2024 LOCAL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTER REFLECTIONS

- A YEAR IN REVIEW -

## \* ADVANCES IN HUMAN MILK FEEDING INCLUDED:



Black-led lactation supporters being centered with a seat at the table



Making and receiving referrals so that families have more consistent support



Receiving some funding to make local lactation work possible and compensated



Successfully advocating for passage of PUMP Act and Michigan SB 351



Orgs choosing community over competition through collaboration

## \* THERE'S MORE WORK TO DO, LIKE:



Foundations and state health departments investing financially in human milk feeding-supportive programs for the long-term



Stakeholders recognizing the value of local birth and breastfeeding supporters, incorporating them into the care team to safeguard maternal and infant health



Centering equity when referring to lactation professionals of color to connect families with the resources they need



Providing doulas a base pay/salary while going through the the process of credentialing with Medicaid



**THE LOCAL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTER MEETINGS ARE CRUCIAL TO ADVANCING BIRTH AND BREASTFEEDING JUSTICE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED AND FUNDING PARTNERS FOR ALLOWING THIS WORK TO CONTINUE!**

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