

BRAVE SPACES, SHARED WISDOM: ADVANCING BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT ACROSS MICHIGAN

VOICES, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND COLLECTIVE ACTION

This month wrapped up the 2025 year of funding – a moment to reflect with deep gratitude for our funders, team, and local breastfeeding supporters who make this work possible. As we move into the new fiscal year, we are taking time to revisit and reaffirm our group norms, recognizing their importance in sustaining growth and equity within breastfeeding support spaces. These shared agreements ground our collaboration and guide how we show up together in community.

“I COME TO THESE MEETINGS BECAUSE I STRONGLY FEEL THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT AND EVERY BABY HAS THE RIGHT TO HUMAN MILK FEED.”

Angela Vaden, Local Breastfeeding Supporter



“I JOIN THE MEETINGS TO LEARN NEW INFORMATION AND TO LISTEN TO THE STORIES OF OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY... I ALSO WANT TO HELP MY COMMUNITY AS I GROW AS WELL.”

Anonymous, Local Breastfeeding Supporter

“THESE MEETINGS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO SHOW UP AUTHENTICALLY AS THEMSELVES AND IT IS A WAY TO ELIMINATE SILOS.”

Kiara Baskin, CD, CLC, CHW, Local Breastfeeding Supporter

“I KEEP MYSELF ACCOUNTABLE IN THIS SPACE BY MAKING ROOM FOR OTHERS TO SPEAK AND SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES, WHILE ALSO SPEAKING HONESTLY FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCES.”

Taniah Ingram, CBS, Doula, Local Breastfeeding Supporter

THIS CONVERSATION WILL CONTINUE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING TO DETERMINE UPDATED GROUP NORMS.

