



Resources

Breastfeeding Friendly Local Health Department

Criteria #1: Community Engagement – One or more staff members from the LHD regularly attend the meetings of the local breastfeeding coalition.

[Local Coalitions Directory](#)

Definition of a local breastfeeding coalition:

- Three (3) or more individuals who meet at least quarterly for the purpose of improving breastfeeding support in their community.
- At least two (2) organizations or agencies participate in the coalition.
- As been meeting for at least six (6) months

Criteria #2: Referral System - The LHD has a written agreement or referral form with the hospital(s) where the majority of clients give birth to be notified within 1-2 days of when clients give birth.

[Sample Agreement](#)

[Sample Referral Form](#)

Criteria #3: Staff Education – All staff who are more than 50% full-time have completed the required staff education (view 4-minute video) and signed a statement to that effect.

[Breastfeeding Friendly Local Health Department Staff Education Video](#)

Video is also available on [KS-TRAIN, Course ID: 1102423](#)

[Staff Education Attestation](#)

Criteria #4: Welcoming Environment for Breastfeeding Families – LHD :

- Is enrolled in the [Breastfeeding Welcome Here](#) program and displays BWH window decal(s) and table tent(s) in client rooms and public spaces.
- LHD provides a private space for breastfeeding parents who desire privacy when breastfeeding/chestfeeding. *(May be the same space used by breastfeeding employees who need to express milk during the workday.)* [Examples of private spaces for lactation](#)
- Images of breastfeeding/chestfeeding families are racially and ethnically diverse and are displayed in multiple public spaces in the LHD. The international symbol for breastfeeding should be used in place of infant bottles.
 - [WIC Image Gallery](#)

- [Examples](#) of racially and ethnically diverse breast/chestfeeding images
- [International Symbol for Breastfeeding](#)
- Infant formula or formula marketing materials are not displayed or stored in a place visible to the public or clients.

Criteria #5: Support of Breastfeeding Employees – LHD has received the Gold level “Breastfeeding Employee Support Award” from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition.

[”Breastfeeding Employee Support Award” Application](#)

Criteria #6: Prenatal Breastfeeding Education – LHD provides prenatal breastfeeding education or referrals to all families.

[KBC Online Prenatal Breastfeeding Education Resources](#)

The KBC also has a prenatal breastfeeding education curriculum available upon request. Requests may be submitted to info@ksbreastfeeding.org.

Criteria #7: Breastfeeding Support - LHD provides services or referrals for culturally congruent lactation support from a credentialed provider OR peer support person with required education.

Culturally congruent online support groups:

- [African American Families](#)
- [Native American Families](#)
- [Lista de Recursos sobre Lactancia Materna en Espanol \(List of Breastfeeding Resources in Spanish\)](#)

Staff education:

- [KBC Breastfeeding 101 & 201 Classes](#)
- [U.S. Breastfeeding Committee Lactation Support Provider Descriptor Table](#)

[KS Population Demographics](#)

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