



## PUMP Act Passes Nearly Unanimously 92 to 5

December 22, 2022 the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Mothers Act passed with widespread bipartisan support in Congress as part of the omnibus spending package. The President is expected to sign the bill. Almost nine million women, or one in four women of childbearing age, had been excluded from the 2010 Break Time for Nursing Mothers Law which gave employees a right to reasonable break time and a private place to pump during the workday. Those unprotected included teachers, software engineers, farmworkers, many nurses, and others. The PUMP Act remedied this shortfall and provided employees whose rights are violated remedies under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Although the PUMP Act is a huge victory for working families, it still lacks crucial protections for flight attendants and pilots as the airline industry has unrelentingly opposed the act. Breastfeeding advocates remain committed to securing this right for airline crewmembers because breastmilk can be, and already is, safely pumped during non-critical phases of flight. Cheryl Lebedevitch, Senior Policy and Communications Manager at the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee stated, "The PUMP Act is the first standalone breastfeeding bill to receive a recorded vote on the House and Senate floors. The bill received incredible support from policymakers on both sides of the aisle, demonstrating that breastfeeding is truly a bipartisan issue." She continued, "We just made history, together! We are eternally grateful to the USBC-Affiliated Workplace Support Constellation, the myriad USBC supporters who have taken action across the years on this important legislation, and to our partners at A Better Balance, the American Civil Liberties Union, Center for WorkLife Law, MomsRising, and National WIC Association who have stewarded this bill through the Congressional process all these months."

## UMMC Re-Designated as Baby-Friendly

The University of Mississippi Medical Center officially became re-designated as Baby-Friendly December 5, 2022. UMMC was the second hospital in Mississippi to receive the Baby-Friendly designation. Congratulations, UMMC, as you continue further on your Baby-Friendly journey!

### Free Education

#### January 6

9:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Arizona Department of Health Services Webinar: Latchj-AZ Virtual Event. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8UFbUT7SUP20IskkRYTw-jJMoQ8WGSqehl-D38LeauqWfw/viewform>

#### January 11

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. U.S. Breastfeeding Committee Webinar: Collaboratively Pursuing Policy Solutions: Lessons Learned from the USBC. Register at <https://web.usbreastfeeding.org/atlas/events/pursuing-policy-solutions-lessons-learned-from-the-usbc-4012039/register>

#### January 12

12:00 p.m. NAACHO Webinar. Connect before Content: Relating to the Family Unit and their Social Determinants of Health in chest/breastfeeding support. Register at

[https://naccho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_BKqmpLX5RkuZcLPjAas0Vw](https://naccho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BKqmpLX5RkuZcLPjAas0Vw)  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Medela Webinar: NEW Superior Pumping Experience with the Freestyle™ Hands-free In-Bra Pump. Register at <https://www.medela.us/mbus/for-professionals/Education/Programs/Detail/845>

#### January 25

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Medela Webinar: Prenatal Colostrum Expression and Collection: A Creative and Empowering Approach to Enhance Breastfeeding Outcomes. Register at <https://www.medela.us/mbus/for-professionals/Education/Programs/Detail/843>

### Two New IBCLCs!!

We applaud Shavonda Quinn and Erin Steward for their accomplishment of passing the most recent IBCLC exam!

### Breastfeeding Support

**WIC's Breastfeeding Program** 601-981-2304  
**Mississippi Lactation Services**, Dr. Christina Glick, M.D.  
601-932-6455  
**The Infant Risk Center** 806 352-2519 Dr. Thomas Hale's  
helpline for medications information  
**Merit Health Woman's Hospital Lactation Center** 601-933-6180 or 601-933-6493

### Breastfeeding Classes

- Peer counselors are available to provide individual breastfeeding classes at all **WIC** clinics.

"ONE OF THE DEEP  
SECRETS OF LIFE IS  
THAT ALL THAT IS  
REALLY WORTH  
DOING IS WHAT WE  
DO FOR OTHERS."

- LEWIS CARROLL