



BREASTFEEDING BUZZ

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Best Wishes to Kimberly Dixon, MHA

Kimberly Dixon's final day as the Mississippi WIC State Breastfeeding Coordinator was August 29, 2024. She worked for the Mississippi State Department of Health in various capacities, but her heart always remained true to breastfeeding throughout her 19-year career at MSDH. During her early career as the District V WIC Regional Breastfeeding Coordinator she also became active in the Mississippi Breastfeeding Coalition. She remained an officer even during the years she worked in other areas at MSDH. In 2017, she returned to WIC as the State Breastfeeding Coordinator. Kim has served as President of the Mississippi Breastfeeding Coalition since 2020. Kim had many accomplishments at WIC, but she was vital in implementing Designated Breastfeeding Experts and recruiting hospitals to enter Memorandum of Understandings enabling WIC's Breastfeeding Program to provide support to and inside hospitals statewide. The Mississippi Breastfeeding Coalition has also made huge growth since Kim became President. Kim's educational background includes a healthcare administration degree from Jackson State University in 2004 and a master's in healthcare administration from Belhaven University in 2014. Kim's leadership and personal skills are beyond extraordinary as she provides compassion and empathy for everyone she meets. This mindset has allowed her to promote maternal and child health as well as breastfeeding support. These skills also make her irreplaceable as a supervisor to everyone who works with her in any capacity. We wish Kim the very best as she begins her next chapter, but she will be dearly missed.

September 10

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. IEBFC Virtual Monthly Check-In. Register at <https://www.iebreastfeeding.org/>

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Medela QI Webinar Series: Achieving High Reliability Growth and Nutrition in the NICU with Dr. Jae Kim, MD, PhD. Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1520736069426769248>

September 17

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CHAMPS National Virtual Breastfeeding Conference 2024. Register at <https://2024champsnationalconference.vfairs.com/en/registration-form>

September 24

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Medela Webinar: "My Pumping Pathway": Standardizing a Personalized Approach to Pumping for Practice and Research with Dr. Paula Meier, PhD, RN. Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9166573905644051285>

September 25

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. IABLE Webinar: The Clinician Teacher in Breastfeeding and Lactation Medicine: A Healthcare Series: Healthcare Implementation of the Updated CDC Guidelines on Breastfeeding and HIV. Register at <https://lacted.org/shop/clinician202409/>

Available Now on Demand

Great Lakes Breastfeeding Webinars: (1) Supporting Families with Low Milk Supply and (2) Optimizing the Breastfeeding Experience and Preventing Common Challenges for the Infant (through physical manual therapy) with Chiropractic Care and A Community-Driven Solution: Mama's Mobile Milk, Breaking Down Barriers to Human Milk Consumption. Register at <https://mibreastfeeding.org/webinars/>

Breastfeeding Support

WIC's Breastfeeding Program 601-981-2304

The Infant Risk Center 806 352-2519

Dr. Thomas Hale's medication helpline
La Leche League of Metro Jackson, MS
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LLLofMetroJackson/>

Merit Health Woman's Hospital

Lactation Center 601-933-6180

MS MILC Leagues For locations and information, see

<https://www.msbfc.org/ms-milc-league.html>

UMMC Children's of MS Lactation Medicine Clinic 601-984-5480

Breastfeeding Classes

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

