

## Is Your Business Breastfeeding Friendly?



The “**Breastfeeding Welcome Here**” logo uses a symbol that can be found in different settings around the world. It is an easy way to identify that a particular location is a place where a mom can be welcome to breast her baby.

This “Breastfeeding Welcome Here” window cling is being made available by Activate Allen County in partnership with the Maternal Infant Task Force. This signifies that your establishment is a welcoming environment where breastfeeding mothers are able to sit anywhere and enjoy a welcoming attitude from staff, management and, to the fullest extent possible, other customers while breastfeeding. Please display it in a window location close to your entrance.

Please educate your management and staff about this policy so that mothers are treated in a welcoming manner by all they may encounter while visiting your place of business. Encourage your staff to be familiar with ways to handle any comments or complaints voiced by other patrons so that they may advocate for the breastfeeding mother. Women should not be asked to go to the restroom to breastfeed and should be welcome to breastfeed anywhere that the public is allowed in your establishment.

In addition to supporting patrons or clients who are breastfeeding, we also are encouraging support of employees who are breastfeeding and need either breaks to breastfeed their babies or to pump breastmilk for their babies. Consider developing a written lactation policy for your employees that outlines how your business complies with the federal pumping law, providing pump breaks for lactating women employed by your business.

If you would like to discuss breastfeeding friendly businesses, how to set up a lactation policy or pumping space, or anything else related to breastfeeding, please contact Lori Nester at 419-358-9650 or [NesterL@Bluffton.edu](mailto:NesterL@Bluffton.edu) for more information. There are many resources available to answer questions and provide assistance.

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I pledge to provide a welcoming environment where breastfeeding mothers are able to sit anywhere and enjoy a welcoming attitude from staff, management and, to the fullest extent possible, other customers while breastfeeding.

I pledge to place a “Breastfeeding Welcome Here” window logo in full view of all who enter this business establishment.

Staff members are knowledgeable of how to handle complaints about breastfeeding. Staff and concerned customers will be informed that breastfeeding in public is protected by Ohio state law, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3781.55, and that this business welcomes breastfeeding patrons.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

- I agree to have my business or organization name, address, telephone, and website url listed on the Activate Allen County website as participating in the Breastfeeding Welcome Here Initiative.
- I agree to schedule a free education session with an Allen County Breastfeeding Coalition Member so that my business or organization has all the materials necessary to promote breastfeeding.

Please return to:

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