

Making Breastfeeding Work

Breastfeeding Friendly Public Spaces

A breastfeeding friendly space is a business, organization, or public area that is welcoming to families that are breastfeeding. Providing a breastfeeding friendly public space and supporting breastfeeding families is good for your reputation and good for the community.



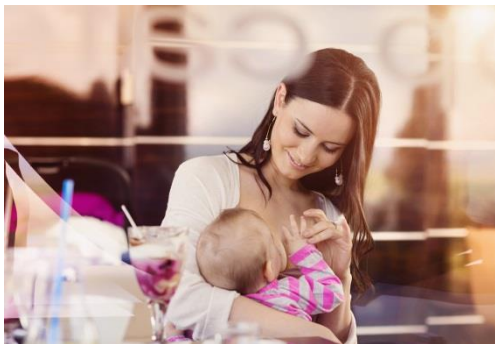
Support Business & Health

1. Being a breastfeeding friendly space helps to promote your organization as one that supports families in your community.
 - Two-thirds of mothers will stop breastfeeding before they want to because of a lack of support.
 - One instance of feeling shamed or being asked to leave a location because of breastfeeding can be enough for a mother to quit.
2. Help improve the health of the entire community. When babies can breastfeed for longer, they receive valuable protection against many chronic illnesses, including obesity and diabetes.

Support is Simple

3. **Signage:** Display stickers, window clings, or signage in a visible location indicating you welcome breastfeeding families in your establishment. This can include your website.
4. **Education:** Hang an educational poster in the breakroom and educating employees and volunteers about your commitment, policy, and practices to welcoming breastfeeding mothers. Regular reminders at staff meetings or volunteer trainings can also help to keep your commitment top-of-mind.
5. **Environment:** Create a welcoming environment that feels friendly, non-judgmental, and supportive towards breastfeeding families. The best environment for each breastfeeding mother and baby will depend on what they need. The common agreement should be that breastfeeding mothers will NOT be harassed, treated with disrespect, or be asked to leave because they are breastfeeding.

To become a breastfeeding friendly public space, contact Heather Elkins at helkins@bouldercounty.org. For more information about breastfeeding and the resources available in Boulder County, visit BoulderCountyBreastfeeding.org



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ORGANIZATION COMMITMENT

Our business/organization, _____, commits to:
Name of Establishment

- Displaying signage in a visible location indicating we welcome breastfeeding families
- Hanging an educational poster and educating employees and volunteers to make sure they are aware of the part they play in welcoming breastfeeding families
- Creating an environment that is supportive and friendly towards breastfeeding families

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Your organization/business will be recognized by Boulder County Public Health as a Breastfeeding Friendly Public Space. Please provide the following information about your business/organization as you would like it displayed.

Name of establishment: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Website: _____ Phone: _____

Please email this completed form to Heather Elkins at helkins@bouldercounty.org

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