

July 2018 e-Blast August 1-7, 2018 World Breastfeeding Week

The theme of the August 1-7, 2018 World Breastfeeding Week is Breastfeeding: Foundation of Life.

UNICEF recently released a report titled [Breastfeeding: A Mother's Gift, for Every Child](#). **UNICEF found that a higher percentage of children in high-income countries, including the United States, are never breastfed.** The United States had the third-lowest percentage of any breastfeeding among the 19 high-income countries featured in the report. The report identifies a lack of supportive policies, in particular paid family leave and support for breastfeeding in workplaces, as a key underlying cause of these gaps.

Celebrate World Breastfeeding Week by encouraging workplaces in your community to become Minnesota Department of Health Breastfeeding Friendly Workplaces. The next deadline for applications is August 15th.

Information about applying for the MDH Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and for a complete list of workplace designees

visit: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/oshii/bf/BFFworkplace.html>

Save the date for the Minnesota Breastfeeding Coalition Annual Meeting & Workshop, Nov. 8 & 9, 2018, Minneapolis. For more information visit: <https://mnbreastfeedingcoalition.org>

And don't forget that Black Breastfeeding Week is August 25th - August 31st this year. The theme is Love On Top (#loveontop) You can find details at <http://blackbreastfeedingweek.org/>

Please share this information with other local coalition members or friends!