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HOME VISITING FUNDERS' STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF BREASTFEEDING

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The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), Illinois Head Start Association (IHSA), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV), and the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) support the Illinois State Physical Activity and Nutrition (ISPAN) goal to improve the continuity of care and support for breastfeeding in communities, improving links between hospitals, primary care providers, WIC clinics/services, early childhood education centers, worksites, and social and community programs and services to support low-income, rural, African-American and/or Latina moms meet their breastfeeding goals.

The following are allowable expenses for home visiting, doula, and coordinated intake programs funded by the sources listed above:

- Professional development on breastfeeding (for staff)
- Breastfeeding and educational materials for families

Breastfeeding webinars and resource materials especially for home visiting programs can be found on the [Illinois Public Health Institute \(IPHI\) breastfeeding resource page](#).

Additional IPHI breastfeeding materials for families and other audiences can be found [here](#).