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County	Coalition	Contact Us	Meeting	What We Do
Benton Franklin	Benton-Franklin Breastfeeding Coalition	Sheila Schweiger Kennewick, WA 99336 (509) 460-4251 sheilas@bfhd.wa.gov	Meetings are bi-monthly. Contact Sheila for meeting date, time, and location.	
Chelan	Wenatchee Breastfeeding Awareness Coalition	Jody Ceesay, WIC Manager Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 664-3548 jicesay@cvch.org	Meetings are bi-monthly in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov from 8:30 – 10:00 AM on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Cherry Conference room of Columbia Valley Community Health Center: 600 Orondo Ave. Wenatchee, WA 98801	Our current focus is promotion and protection of breastfeeding families in Wenatchee. We are also focusing on Provider education/ communication regarding what breastfeeding resources are available in Wenatchee, so that mothers can be referred for help and support.
Clark	Clark County Breastfeeding Coalition	Jennifer Dickison, Chair Vancouver, WA 98661 cclbreastfeedingcoalition@yahoo.com Facebook	Meetings are bi-monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: 1/17/17, 3/21/17, 5/16/17, 7/18/17, 9/19/17, 11/21/17 Board Meeting: 5:30-6:00PM General Meeting: 6:00–7:00PM Sea Mar WIC Office 5411 E. Mill Plain Blvd. Ste. 28 Vancouver, WA 98661	Education and Support for families; we work closely with the WIC program. We host WBW events. Members work with local employers and make work environments accessible and friendly for nursing.





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Grant	Moses Lake Breastfeeding Coalition	Cassandra Herdrick, MPH 1038 W. Ivy St. Moses Lake, WA 98837 (509) 766-7960 ext. 31 cherdrick@granthealth.org Cassandra Partridge, RN, IBCLC 801 E. Wheeler Rd. Moses Lake, WA 98837 (509) 793-9753 cpartridge@samaritanhealthcare.com Website	Quarterly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 11:30am-1:15pm (March, June, September, December) Meetings are held at Samaritan Hospital on the 4th floor: 801 E. Wheeler Rd. Moses Lake, WA 98837	The Moses Lake Breastfeeding Coalition is a joint effort between Grant County Health District, Samaritan Healthcare and other community organizations involved in the Columbia Basin Community Partnership for Health, to protect, promote and support breastfeeding. We have successfully assisted Samaritan Healthcare in their efforts to achieve Bronze Status with Breastfeeding Friendly Washington, designed and printed the Moses Lake Breastfeeding Resources brochure and coordinated breastfeeding friendly outreach to local businesses. We have also raised community awareness of breastfeeding by providing a private place for breastfeeding mothers at the Grant County Fair for the last 3 years and the Spring Festival in 2016. Our focus for 2018 will be creating a breastfeeding algorithm for the hospital and clinics, finalizing an employer breastfeeding policy for business outreach and working to normalize breastfeeding in Moses Lake and Grant County.
Grays Harbor	Breastfeeding Coalition of Grays Harbor	Facebook	Last Tuesday of the month; 4-5 pm.	Prepare Yearly Breastfeeding Month Celebration; Annual BF Walk; County BF Resource Guide; Review BF Materials
Island	Whidbey Island Breastfeeding Coalition	Loretta Bezold, RN, BSN, IBCLC, ICCE Coupeville, WA 98239 (360) 678-7940 lorettab@co.island.wa.us	3rd Wednesday of the month; noon to 1:30 pm.	Develop and provide Breastfeeding Resource Guide for Whidbey Island. Network amongst breastfeeding support services. Promote World Breastfeeding Week in surround community





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King & Pierce	Mahogany Moms	Delores Baccus (206) 910-7596 delores.baccus@kingcounty.gov	Last Wednesday of the month from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Contact Delores for the location of the next meeting.	Vision: To prepare, educate and support African American women to breastfeed their infants to ensure survival protection and development of our children. Mission: Strengthening communities with women of color of childbearing age, pregnant and/or with infants and toddlers through empowerment, breastfeeding education, support and providing services that contribute to the health and validity of the African American Families in the Community.
King	Native American Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington	Camie Goldhammer Seattle, WA 98118 (206) 854-7592 nabcwa@gmail.com Facebook		Ongoing projects include outreach at tribal events (powwows, health fairs, Canoe Journey, etc.) statewide, education to Native women who are hoping to breastfeed as well as to tribal communities/employees working with pregnant and parenting Native women.
Kitsap	Kitsap County Breastfeeding Coalition	Colleen Huck (206)940-2637 ckinnon@hotmail.com Facebook Website	Every other month from 5-7pm at Harrison Medical Center Silverdale in the annex conference rooms near the Chipmunk Grill cafeteria. Upcoming 2018 meetings - Jan. 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, Sept. 12, and Nov. 14.	Kitsap County Breastfeeding Coalition is a group of professionals and advocates from many maternal/infant health backgrounds. We are proud of the Baby Friendly Lounge that we have sponsored for the last few years at the Kitsap County Fair, providing parents with a clean, calm and private space to feed and change their babies and receive information about resources in our county. We have





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				ideas for some exciting upcoming projects to promote breastfeeding to pregnant women and increase spaces for feeding and pumping breast milk for commuting parents. We are hoping to build capacity as a newly registered nonprofit over the next few years.
Kittitas	Kittitas County Breastfeeding Coalition	Kasey Knutson Ellensburg, WA 98926 (509) 962-7515 kasey.knutson@co.kittitas.wa.us	3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am	Ongoing activities include sponsoring an annual "Baby Feeding Station" at the Kittitas County Fair on Labor Day weekend, designing and distributing a local breastfeeding resources pamphlet, and making hot/cold pack rice bags for new moms who deliver at our local hospital, Kittitas Valley Healthcare.
Klickitat/ Skamania	Columbia Gorge Breastfeeding Coalition	Jennifer McCauley, RN, IBCLC Hood River, OR 97031 (541) 387-6344 jennifer.mccauley@providence.org	Every month, or as needed.	Ongoing Breastfeeding Support Group, Employee Friendly Breastfeeding Outreach, Breastfeeding Welcome Here Campaign for local businesses and places breastfeeding moms frequent.
Lewis	Breastfeeding Coalition of Lewis County	Ellen Kim Cho (360) 740-1234 ellen.kimcho@lewiscountywa.gov Facebook Website	2nd Tuesday of the month from 12:00 – 1:30PM at the Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Department – 360 NW North St., Chehalis WA. Meeting is in the 2nd floor Conference room.	The Breastfeeding Coalition of Lewis County hopes to partner with businesses and services that provide maternal and child care to support early and continued breastfeeding. One major accomplishment for the coalition was forming a La Leche League in Lewis County with one of the coalition members becoming a LLL leader! Ellen started the coalition as part of her job as a SNAP-Ed health educator, and one of her long term goals is to





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				<p>reduce maternal and child obesity, an outcome that breastfeeding helps prevent.</p> <p>For 2018, the coalition plans to continue working with businesses in Lewis County to become breastfeeding friendly, as well as becoming a nonprofit organization. They also plan on working in various campaigns to increase breastfeeding awareness while strengthening relationships with other agencies.</p>
Okanogan	Okanogan County Breastfeeding Coalition	Michele L. Crockett (425) 501-4578	2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Family Health Centers WIC Clinic: 716 1st Ave S Okanogan, WA 98840	Okanogan County Breastfeeding Coalition (OCBC) will focus on increasing parent support resources in the area by creating parenting groups.
Pierce	Pierce County Breastfeeding Alliance	Patricia Alva University Place, WA 98466 (253) 343-6054 PatriciaAlva@seamarchc.org Facebook Website	Every other month at Sea Mar WIC University Place.	Promotion, protection, and support of breastfeeding families of Pierce County WA. The coalition strives to increase initiation, duration and exclusivity rates of breastfeeding through breastfeeding promotion.
Skagit	Skagit Valley Breastfeeding Coalition	Teri Shilling, MS, LCCE, CD (DONA), IBCLC teri@passionforbirth.com Facebook	4th Wednesday of the month at 8am for a non-host breakfast at the Calico Cupboard in Mount Vernon.	Offers research reviews, networking and a resource list; various representatives from WIC, hospitals, independent lactation consultants, La Leche League, Public Health, physicians and mothers; coordinates





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		Website		group or community activities such as attending webinars on current breastfeeding topics as a group
Snohomish	Breastfeeding Coalition of Snohomish County	Catherine Fenner catherine@nurturenewlife.com JonaRose Feinberg jona@twinsinmind.com Facebook Website	1st Wednesday of the month.	Annual New Horizons In Lactation seminar offering IBCLC and RN CEUs; bi-annual resource list for Snohomish County; monthly meetings offering education and networking opportunities for members and member organizations.
Spokane	Spokane County Breastfeeding Coalition	Jane Hardesty Spokane, WA 99202 (509) 294-0105	Quarterly meetings: January, April, July and October, on the last Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. Location will change quarterly. Contact Jane for meeting location.	Our mission is to encourage and promote breastfeeding by providing a positive support network and making accurate and consistent breastfeeding information available.
Stevens	Stevens County Lactation Coalition			The Big Latch World Breastfeeding Activities
Thurston	South Sound Breastfeeding Network	Sara Knight knightrimble@comcast.net Facebook Website	First Tuesday of the Month (subject to availability) from 12:30-2:00PM at the Sea Mar CHC WIC Office 905 24th Way SW Olympia, WA 98502	South Sound Breastfeeding Network (SSBN) is a nonprofit organization focused on encouraging and promoting breastfeeding in the South Sound region of Washington State (including Thurston County, Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey, and surrounding areas). We provide breastfeeding promotion in the community, and continuing education for medical personnel around breastfeeding. We also help local businesses become breastfeeding friendly.





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Yakima	Yakima Valley Breastfeeding Coalition	Stacy Hackenmueller Yakima, WA 98902 (509) 249-0477 ext 3231 stacyh@yfwc.org	No regular meeting schedule established at this time. Contact Stacy for specific meeting date and time.	
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