



Recognised Breastfeeding Support Counsellor Organisations

The term “breastfeeding support counsellor” is used by IBLCE to identify individuals who obtain their lactation care experience in the following ways:

- Paid or volunteer breastfeeding support counsellors who work within the following health care delivery organisations:
 - Hospital
 - Birth Centre
 - Community Clinic
 - Lactation Care Clinic/Practice
 - Primary Care Practitioner’s Practice/Office

Hours earned at the above locations are calculated at an hour-per-hour rate and may be determined by using the Lactation Specific Clinical Practice Calculator.

- Volunteer, accredited breastfeeding support counsellors with organisations that are specifically listed below.
 - Until January 1, 2022, hours earned with these organisations are calculated at the following **flat rates**:
 - If providing mainly in-person care: **500 hours per 12 months**
 - If providing mainly telephone and/or online care: **250 hours per 12 months**
 - Hours earned after January 1, 2022 will be counted on an **hour-per-hour basis**.
 - For the purposes of examination application, these hours may be combined with the flat-rate hours completed in 2021 or before, to total at least 1000 clinical hours for Pathway 1. As part of the current requirements, please note that the clinical hours cannot be older than five years from the date of the examination application submission.
 - These hours can be calculated using the Lactation Specific Clinical Practice Calculator.

The Breastfeeding Support Counsellor Organisation must provide:

- structured training programs for their counsellors which includes comprehensive education in breastfeeding and lactation management
- a Code of Ethics or Professional Conduct

- structured supervision for counsellors, with an appropriate level of training
- a continuing education program for counsellors

The health care delivery organisations listed above (e.g. hospital, birth centre, etc.) and the following organisations meet the criteria established by IBLCE to define recognised breastfeeding support counsellor organisations:

- Adelante, Red Latina de Salud y Educación/The Latino Network for Health and Education
- Alimentación Segura Infantil (ASI)
- Ammenet Denmark
- Amningshjälpen
- Association of Breastfeeding Mothers—ABM, UK
- Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA)
- Baby Cafe USA
- BACE – Nursing Mother’s Council
- Birth India
- BirthKuwait
- Breastfeeding Association of Taiwan
- Breastfeeding For Love Project - China
- Breastfeeding Mothers’ Support Group – Singapore
- Breastfeeding Network UK
- Breastfeeding Q&A, UAE
- Breastfeeding Resource Center's Community Counselors
- Breastfeeding USA
- Centre de Ressources pour la Naissance region Mauricie inc.
- Chocolate Milk Café
- Cuidiu Ireland
- Custodi del Femminino
- Dr. MILK Physician Mother Support Network
- Forældre og Fødsel Denmark
- Kodiak KINDNESS
- La Leche League International (LLLI)
- MAMILA
- Message—Mother-support-group France for English speaking mothers
- Mom2Mom Global
- Momma’s Village--Fayetteville
- Mother-2-Mother – Taiwan
- National Childbirth Trust
- Nursing Mothers Alliance
- Nourri Source
- Nourri Lait
- Sisters Who Breastfeed (SWB)
- The Breastfeeding Association of Trinidad and Tobago
- Vital Village Network
- Zulazu-Beit Daniel

IBLCE understands that not every breastfeeding support counsellor organisation which meets these criteria may be on this list. To learn more about how organisations can apply to be on the

list, please contact the IBLCE location that serves your country of residence by using the contact information found on the IBLCE website.

This list of organisations is updated periodically. Below is a summary of the changes since December 2018.

| Date | Added | Removed | Other Changes |
|---------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| December 2018 | | Nursing Mothers Counsel | |
| February 2019 | | | Nursing Mothers Advisory Council renamed as Breastfeeding Resource Center's Community Counselors |
| June 2019 | Vital Village Network | | |
| August 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breastfeeding For Love Project - China • Association of Breastfeeding Mothers | | |
| November 2019 | Message—Mother-support-group France for English speaking mothers | | |
| February 2020 | Breastfeeding Network UK | | |