

2026 BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY WORKSITE EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION



The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH), Catholic Charities WIC, and United Way of Buffalo & Erie County's Starting Line Healthy Births Coalition are coordinating a panel discussion on recent changes to New York Labor Law (Section 206-c), which formalize employees' rights to express milk in the workplace.

Learn about these expanded protections and your responsibilities as a public or private employer. Our expert panel will answer your questions and share how ECDOH provides support and technical assistance to help organizations earn the "Breastfeeding, Chestfeeding and Lactation Friendly Worksite" designation.

Who should attend: HR professionals and consultants, small business owners, compliance officers, nonprofit leaders, and anyone interested in supporting employee lactation needs in the workplace.

When: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Where: United Way of Buffalo & Erie County - 742 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

Panelists:

- Mona Bonanno, MD, Medical Director of Newborn Services, Kaleida Health
- Kinsey A. O'Brien, Partner, Hodgson Russ LLP
- Lorna K. Fitzpatrick, MD, Vice President Medical Affairs, Univera Healthcare

For more information or to register for the free event: email healthequity@erie.gov, call 716-858-4752, or visit erie.gov/breastfeedingevent

