New York State Ten Steps to a Breastfeeding Friendly Practice





Create A Breastfeeding Friendly Office

- 1. Develop and maintain a written breastfeeding friendly office policy.
- 2. Train all staff to promote, support and protect breastfeeding and breastfeeding moms.
- 3. Eliminate infant formula and formula company materials from your office.
- 4. Create a breastfeeding friendly office environment.

Encourage Breastfeeding

- 5. During the **prenatal** period, discuss breastfeeding benefits, especially exclusive breastfeeding, and the basics of breastfeeding management with women and their families.
- 6. During the **postpartum** period, discuss breastfeeding benefits, especially exclusive breastfeeding, and the basics of breastfeeding management with women and their families.
- 7. Encourage breastfeeding mothers to feed newborns breast milk only.
- 8. Teach mothers about maintaining lactation when separated from their infants.

Support Mothers

- 9. Identify the local breastfeeding support network and foster collaborative working relationships and referral systems.
- 10. Provide comprehensive breastfeeding assistance and advice for mothers.