


WELCOME TO **"CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS:  
CENTERING FAMILIES CULTURALLY IN LACTATION  
CARE"**

APPALACHIAN BREASTFEEDING NETWORK 

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HOW WAS APPALACHIAN BREASTFEEDING NETWORK FORMED? 

- May 2016
- Saw a need for Appalachian and rural specific education
- Originated in Southeast Ohio
- Based ABN off of Appalachian Ohio research in breastfeeding


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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 

Territory acknowledgements are one small part of disrupting and dismantling colonial structures. Appalachian Breastfeeding Network wishes to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Shawandasse Tula (Shawnee) and Massawomeck (Iroquois) Indigenous Peoples.


We acknowledge we are guests on their native soil and give thanks for allowing us to host this event here today. In addition to this land acknowledgement, we acknowledge the forceful removal of many Shawnees to Kansas in 1830 and Iroquois to Oklahoma in 1831, setting the stage for colonial development. Let's take a moment of silence to remember these lives lived on this land.

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WE GREW QUICKLY! 

- ABN was founded in May of 2016.
- ABN has now grown to almost 700 members.
- Have been awarded (3) grants to pilot an After-Hours Breastfeeding Helpline which turned into the Ohio Statewide 24-Hour Breastfeeding Hotline (more of this later!)
- Our work has been featured at ILCA, USBC, USLCA, OLCA, Lactation Education Consultants, Ohio WIC, WV WIC, Healthy Children, WPLCA and more!
- We have 27 board members across Appalachia.
- We have several initiatives ongoing.


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HOUSEKEEPING 


- Restrooms
- Exhibitors
- Lactation Room
- Lunch is Provided

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  - Pumps 4 Mom
  - Cadenshae
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