 CBC ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2001-2012

- Successfully led legislative effort to pass Public Act 12-51 An Act Concerning Jury Duty for Breastfeeding Mothers (2012). The law is the first in the US to require courts to train staff about breastfeeding mothers serving jury duty. Presented at a statewide workshop for court staff.

- One of ten state breastfeeding coalitions in US to receive funding from Every Mother Inc, via HHS’s Office on Women’s Health to assist with a web resource to highlight successful implementation of lactation programs in the employment setting. Submitted 10 CT employers for inclusion. Middletown Public Schools further selected for site visit and filming as a model for public schools in the US. (2012 Hourly Employer Grant)

- In partnership with the CT DPH, gained national attention with the implementation of CDC-funded Connecticut Breastfeeding Initiative: A Program to Assist CT Hospitals Towards Baby Friendly Designation (2010-2012).

- Sponsored six conferences for health care professionals with planning underway for 10th Anniversary statewide/New England regional conference to be held October,2012.

- Among the first 10 state coalitions in the US to receive a federal HRSA grant to pilot The Business Case for Breastfeeding worksite initiative.

- Awarded 11 CT businesses, including 8 public schools in Middletown with mini-grant funding to implement breastfeeding-friendly worksites in 2011.

- Presented The Business Case for Breastfeeding at CHRO workshop at the Capitol in October 2011 during a special session of the CGA on employment.

- Released joint document “Guide to Connecticut’s Nondiscrimination and Workplace Accommodation Breastfeeding Laws” with CT DPH, DOL and CHRO.

- Partnered with CT WIC for WBW 2011 to update 24 Connecticut public library shelves with current breastfeeding books for mothers & children in towns and cities that serve vulnerable women and infants. Outreach to CT libraries > 140 with suggestions to update their shelves.

- Participated in all of the bi-annual National Conferences of State and Tribal Breastfeeding Coalitions hosted by the US Breastfeeding Committee since 2006; selected to present at 2008, 2010 and 2012 conferences.

- Received 2006 Health Professional Award from La Leche League of Connecticut.

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