

BREASTFEEDING COMMITTEE FOR SASKATCHEWAN

Terms of Reference

- Vision:** To provide a provincial framework that promotes breastfeeding as the cultural norm for infant feeding within Saskatchewan.
- Mission:** To protect, promote and support breastfeeding within Saskatchewan as the normal method of infant feeding.
- Goal:** From 2013-2018, the BCS will focus on promoting the Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) as the evidenced informed best practice standards for improving food security and health for families in Saskatchewan

Functions:

1. Provide support to local and provincial groups for implementation of the Baby Friendly Initiative.
2. Provide ongoing expert advice and recommendations on breastfeeding and implementing the Baby-Friendly Initiative, to governments and organizations for research, policy and program development, and direction.
3. Facilitate and support collaborative networks to protect, promote and support breastfeeding in Saskatchewan (ie. Public Health Nutritionists Working Group, Breastfeeding Committee of Canada, local breastfeeding committees).
4. Provide a forum for sharing information and facilitating the sharing of evidenced-based breastfeeding research to the group.
5. Develop resources to support breastfeeding as a cultural norm for infant feeding in Saskatchewan.
6. Develop/revise the strategic plan and develop a yearly action plan at the annual strategic planning meeting.

Membership:

- The Committee will consist of a minimum of one representative from each Regional Health Authority in Saskatchewan and additional representatives from CPNP, LaLeche League, First Nations communities, CNE, Kids First and consumer representatives.
- The Committee will maintain multi-disciplinary representation.
- The executive of the Committee will have 2 co-chairs, 1 past chair, 1 secretary and 1 treasurer.
- Visiting members are welcome to observe committee meetings with the approval of the co-chairs. Visiting members will not be allowed to vote on committee issues.

Commitment:

- Meeting will be held a minimum of three times per year plus one strategic planning meeting in the spring to develop the strategic plan for the coming year.
- Committee members have the following responsibilities to the Breastfeeding Committee for Saskatchewan:
 - Bring/share information at the meetings about their local breastfeeding committee work and issues in their health authority.
 - Participate in at least one sub-committee.
 - **Take a turn in the co-chair, secretary or treasurer position.**
 - Share information from Committee meetings with local committee/group/organization and be an active member of a BCS committee group
 - Work on BCS projects at their own local committees.

Accountability:

Each Committee member is accountable to their own organization/community that they represent.

Position Statements:

- Breastfeeding Committee for Saskatchewan. (2013). *Breastfeeding Committee for Saskatchewan Position Statement -- Protecting, Promoting and Supporting Breastfeeding Through Donor Human Milk Banking The WHO Code and the Ethical Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes*. Retrieved from _____ (when posted) _____
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The Breastfeeding Committee for Saskatchewan supports the following as foundational principles:

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- World Health Organization/United Nations International Children's Fund. (1990). *Innocenti Declaration. "Breastfeeding in the 1990s: A Global Initiative, co-sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) and the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA)*. Florence: UNICEF. Retrieved from <http://www.unicef.org/programme/breastfeeding/innocenti.htm>

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