Online Breastfeeding Resources

La Leche League of the Treasure Coast www.llloftc.org

La Leche League USA www.lllusa.org

Florida WIC Program www.floridahealth.gov/programs-andservices/wic

American Academy of Pediatrics Breastfeeding Initiatives www2.aap.org/breastfeeding/

Florida Breastfeeding Coalition www.flbreastfeeding.org

Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/

World Health Organization www.who.int/topics/breastfeeding/en/

The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding

www.surgeongeneral.gov/topics/ breastfeeding/

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Breastfeeding Beginnings



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"Mother's milk, time-tested for millions of years, is the best nutrient for babies because it is nature's perfect food."

~ Robert S. Mendelsohn

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Mothers Helping Mothers Support Group

St. Lucie West

Meets every 3rd Thursday

10 AM - 12 PM

St. Lucie West WIC Office
531 NW Lake Whitney Place
Port St. Lucie, FL

Fort Pierce
Meets every 2nd Thursday
11:30 AM - 12 noon
Fort Pierce WIC Office
714 Avenue C
Fort Pierce, FL

- ♦ Free Books and Literature
 - ♦ Meet other Moms
 - ♦ Kids' Activities
 - Breastfeeding Peer
 Counselor Support

Why Breastfeeding is Best for Baby

- 1. Colostrum is the first milk baby receives. It is full of nutrients and antibodies, exactly what baby needs the first few days of life.
 - 2. Your breast milk is tailor-made for your babies growth needs.
- 3. Breast milk is easier for babies to digest than formula made from cow's milk.
- 4. Breastfed babies have lower rates of ear infections, diarrhea and are sick less.
- 5. Breastfeeding reduces the risk of your baby developing diabetes, childhood leukemia and childhood obesity.

Why Breastfeeding is Best for Mom

- Once established, breastfeeding is easier than formula feeding; no bottles or nipples to sterilize, no formula to measure and mix, and no formula to heat up for night feedings!
 - 2. Breastfeeding saves money because there is no formula to purchase and breastfed babies are sick less often saving on doctor visits.
- 3. Breastfeeding is linked to lower rates of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, type II diabetes and postpartum depression in mothers.

St. Lucie Breastfeeding Support Resources

Lactation Consultants:

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WIC Peer Counselors:

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