

- Lack of experience or understanding among family members of how best to support mothers and babies.
- Not enough opportunities to communicate with other breastfeeding mothers.
- Lack of up-to-date instruction and information from health care professionals.
- Hospital practices that make it hard to get started with successful breastfeeding.
- Lack of accommodation to breastfeed or express milk at the workplace.

What can the health care community do?

- More hospitals can incorporate the recommendations of UNICEF/WHO's Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative.
- Provide breastfeeding education for health clinicians who care for women and children.
- Ensure access to International Board Certified Lactation Consultants.

What can employers do?

- Start and maintain high-quality lactation support programs for employees.
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