

## **Jenny Weaver, RN, IBCLC**

In almost 30 years as an RN and International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), Jenny has come to believe that breastfeeding is a vital resource for empowering mothers, families and communities. Jenny has her RN, BSN from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She has provided clinical lactation support for families in a hospital setting and in outpatient settings. She is currently the IBCLC Facilitator for the Boston Medical Center Baby Cafe at Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester.

Jenny's current work is focused on collaborating with community members to build breastfeeding support systems in the Boston area. As a member of the Vital Village Network Boston Breastfeeding Coalition, Jenny volunteers at a number of other breastfeeding support groups in Dorchester and Mattapan. Her passion is working within the Boston Breastfeeding Coalition to increase access for families to culturally competent lactation professionals. Her training and experience in lactation and current leadership in the Breastfeeding Coalition help to direct the core breastfeeding support and educational goals of the coalition's mission. She is honored to be working with the Vital Village Breastfeeding Scholars to build sustainable pathways for women of color to become lactation counselors and consultants. She views this as vital to increase equity in breastfeeding support and education for families of color. She is an allied supporter of the National Association of Professional and Peer Lactation Supporters of Color (NAPPLSC).

Jenny is excited to have this opportunity to meet others who are working with families and interested in learning more about breastfeeding.