

Advancing Breastfeeding Support Across Rhode Island ECHO® Series

What is ECHO®?

ECHO® is a virtual learning community offered at no cost. This all-teach, all-learn model includes a brief presentation from a subject-matter expert followed by a case study to elicit discussion and recommendations. Participants exchange information, experiences, cases, and ideas and receive feedback from other participants and the multidisciplinary hub team of content experts.

Purpose

CTC-RI, in partnership with RIDOH and UHC, is excited to offer the Advancing Breastfeeding Support Across Rhode Island ECHO® Series that is designed to provide continuing education opportunities and increase lactation workforce capacity to provide equity-centered counseling, complex case management and cross-sector coordination. Participants will collaborate with each other and engage in ongoing learning.

Intended Audience

- Baby friendly hospital clinical staff
- Lactation consultants, counselors, specialists, doulas, and peer counselors
- WIC Nutrition and WIC breastfeeding counselors
- Pediatric/family practice providers and teams
- Early Head Start, Early Intervention and Family Visitors
- Nurse Care Managers, RNs, LPNs,
- Community health workers, and behavioral health clinicians
- Health plan Care Managers
- Other healthcare professionals

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to Register by:
Aug 14, 2026

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Two options for participation

1. Full participation ECHO® (only): Participate in at least 8 out of 10 sessions and be willing to present a case study (includes - \$250.00 stipend payments; see registration for details).
2. Flexible participation: Attend individual ECHO® sessions with no commitment to sharing a case (no incentive payment).

Why Participate?

- Acquire and enhance best practice knowledge, skills and competencies, for communicating with families about breastfeeding, triaging patient concerns, and providing a supportive breastfeeding environment,
- Increase individual and staff capacity to provide breastfeeding support services.
- Build a learning community network to more effectively provide shared decision making, culturally responsive breastfeeding support and link families with resources across the continuum of care.
- Receive a \$250.00 incentive for full ECHO® participation.
- Receive CEU credits for medicine, nursing, and IBCLE (pending).

ECHO Topics

Date	Topic
Sept 15 th , 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM	Early Communication about Breastfeeding: What Families Need to Know
Oct 20 th , 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM	Patient-Centered Lactation Care
Nov 17 th , 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM	Perinatal Mental Health: Breastfeeding Anxiety & Postpartum Mood Disorders
Dec 15 th , 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM	Perinatal Mental Health: Postpartum Medication, Breastfeeding Safety & Support Strategies
Jan 19 th , 2027, 12:00-1:00 PM	Addressing Complex Feeding Challenges
Feb 16 th , 2027, 12:00-1:00 PM	Navigating Nutrition for Lactation
Mar 16 th , 2027, 12:00-1:00 PM	Inclusive LGBTQIA Lactation Care
Apr 20 th , 2027, 12:00-1:00 PM	Breastfeeding Communication, Community, and Support
May 18 th , 2027, 12:00-1:00 PM	Breastfeeding Supports for Youth
Jun 15 th , 2027, 12:00-1:00 PM	TBD