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### **Kane County Breastfeeding Coalition 2019 Workplace Recognition**

The Kane County Breastfeeding Coalition is pleased to recognize workplaces that are breastfeeding friendly. In honor of World Breastfeeding Week, which is celebrated every year from August 1-7<sup>th</sup>, the Kane County Breastfeeding Coalition recognizes and supports employers in Kane County who provide breastfeeding friendly practices in the workplace.

Workplaces are recognized in three categories: Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Workplaces recognized as Silver must provide:

- A sink for washing hands.
- A small refrigerator to store milk.
- A comfortable chair.
- A written policy supporting breastfeeding employees.

Workplaces recognized as Silver in 2019 are:

1. Dukane Corporate Headquarters - St. Charles
2. Bartlett Public Library District
3. Geneva Public Library District
4. Waubensee Community College Library – Sugar Grove
5. Gail Borden Public Library, Main Library - Elgin

In the Central Community Unit School District 301:

6. Central High School
7. Central Middle School
8. Prairie Knolls Middle School
9. Country Trails Elementary School
10. Howard B. Thomas Grade School
11. Lily Lake Grade School
12. Prairie View Grade School

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In the Elgin Area School District U46:

13. Glenbrook Elementary School
14. Highland Elementary School
15. Kenyon Woods
16. Larsen Middle School
17. Tefft Middle School

Those workplaces recognized as Bronze must:

- Allow for flexible pumping or breastfeeding breaks.
- Provide a clean, private, non-bathroom space for employee to express her milk.

Companies recognized as Bronze are:

1. Mueller & Co, LLP, Elgin office
2. Two Rivers Head Start, Carpentersville
3. Fox Valley United Way - Aurora
4. Messenger Public Library of North Aurora
5. St. Charles Public Library
6. Sugar Grove Public Library
7. Santori Public Library - Aurora
8. Aurora Public Library, Eola Road Branch
9. Aurora Public Library, West Branch
10. Gail Borden Public Library, Rakow Branch - Elgin
11. Gail Borden Public Library, South Elgin Branch
12. Algonquin Area Public Library, Main Library
13. Algonquin Area Public Library, Branch Library

In the West Aurora Public School District 129:

14. Fearn Elementary School
15. Freeman Elementary School
16. Goodwin Elementary School
17. Greenman Elementary School
18. Hall Elementary School
19. Hill Elementary School
20. Herget Middle School
21. Hope D. Wall School
22. Jefferson Middle School
23. Jewel Middle School

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24. McCleery Elementary School
25. Nicholson Elementary School
26. Schneider Elementary School
27. Smith Elementary School
28. Washington Middle School
29. West Aurora High School
30. Blackhawk Academy
31. Early Learning Academy

In the East Aurora Public School District 131:

32. Allen Elementary School
33. Bardwell Elementary School
34. Beaupre Elementary School
35. Benavides STEAM Academy
36. Brady Elementary School
37. Dieterich Elementary School
38. Gates Elementary School
39. Hermes Elementary School
40. Johnson Elementary School
41. Krug Elementary School
42. Oak Park Elementary School
43. O'Donnell Elementary School
44. Rollins Elementary School
45. Cowherd Elementary School
46. Simmons Middle School
47. Waldo Middle School
48. East Aurora High School
49. East Aurora Extension
50. Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy
51. Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Service Center
52. Early Childhood Center

In the School District U-46:

53. Illinois Park Center For Early Learning
54. Independence Center For Early Learning
55. More at 4 Preschool
56. Bartlett Elementary School
57. Centennial Elementary School
58. Century Oaks Elementary School

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59. Channing Elementary School
60. Clinton Elementary School
61. Coleman Elementary School
62. Creekside Elementary School
63. Fox Meadow Elementary School
64. Garfield Elementary School
65. Hanover Countryside Elementary School
66. Harriet Gifford Elementary School
67. Hawk Hollow Elementary School
68. Heritage Elementary School
69. Hillcrest Elementary School
70. Hilltop Elementary School
71. Horizon Elementary School
72. Huff Elementary School
73. Laurel Hill Elementary School
74. Liberty Elementary School
75. Lincoln Elementary School
76. Lords Park Elementary School
77. Lowrie Elementary School
78. McKinley Elementary School
79. Nature Ridge Elementary School
80. Oakhill Elementary School
81. Ontarioville Elementary School
82. Otter Creek Elementary School
83. Parkwood Elementary School
84. Praireview Elementary School
85. Ridge Circle Elementary School
86. Ronald D. O’Neal Elementary School
87. Spring Trail Elementary School
88. Sunnydale Elementary School
89. Sycamore Trails Elementary School
90. Timber Trails Elementary School
91. Washington Elementary School
92. Wayne Elementary School
93. Willard Elementary School

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94. Abbott Middle School
95. Canton Middle School
96. Eastview Middle School
97. Ellis Middle School
98. Kimball Middle School
99. Bartlett High School
100. Central School Programs
101. DREAM Academy
102. Elgin High School
103. Larkin High School
104. South Elgin High School
105. Streamwood High School

This year, no workplaces met the criteria for Gold recognition, which includes the following criteria:

- Provide an electric pump and accessory pump kit (or subsidize purchase of pump and/or kit).
- Written educational materials for all employees on the benefits of breastfeeding, and why and how to be supportive to breastfeeding co-workers.
- Workplace support groups for working, breastfeeding parents.
- Lactation consultant services for education, counseling and support before and after the baby's birth and when the mother returns to work.

Employers are required by federal law to provide a “reasonable” amount of time for nursing employees to express breastmilk and provide a private space other than a bathroom to express milk. According to the Health Resources and Services Administration, breastfeeding can help to reduce medical costs of nursing mothers and infants, nursing employees are less likely to miss work, and that supporting nursing employees in the workplace ensures higher employee productivity and loyalty. Women and children are the fastest growing workforce in the U.S. and providing breastfeeding-friendly accommodations in the workplace encourages positive public relations and company image.

The Coalition is grateful to the members of the community who helped identify 75 new workplaces, joining the 18 already recognized. To nominate a workplace, or for more information about breastfeeding and the Kane County Breastfeeding Coalition, visit [KaneHealth.com/Pages/Breastfeeding-Coalition.aspx](http://KaneHealth.com/Pages/Breastfeeding-Coalition.aspx)

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