



Employer Support for Nursing Mothers Award

Mother & Child Health Coalition (MCHC) wishes to recognize the following employers in the Kansas City metropolitan area that provide workplace support to their employees who are breastfeeding (nursing) through the “***Employer Support for Nursing Mothers Award.***” Employers are evaluated based on criteria for three levels of support: **Gold, Silver, and Bronze.** Employers meeting requirements of one of the three criteria levels are recognized with a plaque, recognition on the MCHC website (www.mchc.net) and in a press release to local media. Following, is a list of employers that have been awarded:

Gold Level Award Recipients

American Academy of Family Physicians
Olathe Family YMCA Child Development Center
Platte City Middle School
Platte County Community Center & YMCA
Platte County High School
Prairie Center Christian Childcare
Shawnee Mission Medical Center
Truman Medical Centers – Hospital Hill

Silver Level Award Recipients

Assurant Employee Benefits
Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics—Kansas City
City of Gladstone, Missouri
[Hy-Vee #1463, Olathe](#), KS
HyVee #1508, Overland Park KS
Johnson County Department of Health & Environment
Johnson County Community College
Lexmark
Liberty Community Center
Liberty Hospital
[MOCSA- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault](#)
North Kansas City Hospital
Platte County Health Department
Priority Care Pediatrics, LLC
Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center
Talented Tots – Excelsior Springs

Bronze Level Award Recipients

Center for Human Services – Clay County
City of Kearney, MO
Clay County Public Health Center
Kauffman Foundation Conference Center
Park Hill Schools
Ritz Charles Overland Park

EMPLOYER SUPPORT FOR NURSING MOTHERS AWARD RECIPIENTS

BELOW: On Friday, July 28, 2017 the following organizations were presented with the Employer Support for Nursing Mothers award, at the MCHC Annual Meeting, held at the Kansas City MO Health Department.



Above Left: Lindsay Moehlman accepted the Silver Level award for Talented Tots- Excelsior Springs, MO, from Theresa Rodgers Campbell, MCHC past chairperson. **Right:** Lisa Michel accepted the award for Hy-Vee # 1463.

Below center: Melanie Austin accepted the Silver level award for MOCSA. MOCSA also won the state of Missouri's Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Award. MCHC has a contract with the KCMO Health Department, through the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) grant to provide that award to area businesses. Presenting the award was Connie Farakhan, Kansas City Health Department (R).



BELOW: On Friday, April 22, 2017 the following organizations were presented with the Employer Support for Nursing Mothers award, at the MCHC Annual Meeting, held at Saint Joseph Medical Center.



Above: SILVER LEVEL: Mr. Russ Johnson, Hy-Vee #1508, 95th and Antioch, Overland Park, KS;
SILVER LEVEL: Theresa Rodgers Campbell, MCHC chairperson accepted the award for Talented Tots- Excelsior Springs, MO.

BELOW: On Friday, January 27, 2017 the following organizations were presented with the Employer Support for Nursing Mothers award, at the MCHC Quarterly meeting, held at the Kansas City Missouri Health Department. Presenting the awards was Theresa Rodgers Campbell, MCHC chairperson.

Left to right:

GOLD LEVEL: Theresa Rodgers Campbell accepted the award for Prairie Center Christian Childcare;

GOLD LEVEL: Clare Seesing- Olathe Family YMCA Child Development Center;

GOLD LEVEL: Jane Pyszczynski – American Academy of Family Physicians.



BELOW: On Friday, July 22, 2016 the following individuals were presented with the award at the MCHC Quarterly meeting, held at the KCMO Health Department. Presenting the awards was Dr. Rosemary Hodge Graves, PhD, MCHC past chairperson.

Left: BRONZE LEVEL AWARD, City of Kearney, MO: Alderwoman Gerri Spencer.

Right: GOLD LEVEL AWARD, Shawnee Mission Medical Center: Michelle Sanders, Program Coordinator, (left) and Margaret Meier, (center) Administrative Director of Women’s and Children’s Services.



BELOW: On Friday, April 22, 2016 the following individuals accepted their award at the MCHC Annual meeting held at the KCMO Health Department. Presenting the awards was Dr. Rosemary Graves, MCHC chairperson.

Left: SILVER LEVEL AWARD, Lexmark, Lenexa, KS: Matthew Kruger, Human Resources Director.

Right: BRONZE LEVEL AWARD, Park Hill School District: Bill Redinger, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Linda Kaiser, Ed.D. Director, Human Resource Services.



BELOW: On Friday, January 22, 2016, at the MCHC Quarterly meeting held at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, Kathleen Romero (L) accepted the award on behalf of the Center. Presenting the award was Rosemary Hodge Graves, PhD, MCHC chairperson (R).



BELOW: At the **April 24, 2015** Mother & Child Health Coalition Annual meeting held at the KCMO Health Department, the following individuals accepted the award on behalf of their organization.

Awards were presented by Phyllis Larimore, MCHC Chair.

Left: SILVER LEVEL: Connie Brickner, Johnson County Community College.

Right: GOLD LEVEL: Teresa Fulk, Platte County High School.



BELOW: At the **January 24, 2014** Mother & Child Health Coalition Quarterly meeting, the following individuals accepted the award on behalf of their company or organization.

Left to right:

GOLD LEVEL AWARD: Lynette Wheeler, Karen Henson, and Beth Severt - Truman Medical Center Hospital Hill

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Sharon DeMoss - Priority Care Pediatrics

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Ashley Hart - Unified Government of Wyandotte County / KC Kansas Public Health Department



BELOW: At the April 25, 2014 Mother & Child Health Coalition Quarterly meeting, the following individuals accepted the award on behalf of their organization.

From left to right:

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Heidi Loecke, WIC Coordinator, Platte County Health Department

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Donna Kay Taylor, Manager, Liberty Community Center

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Charlene Leslie, HR Administrator, City of Gladstone, Missouri

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BRONZE LEVEL AWARD: Ruth Ellebracht, Service Coordinator, Center for Human Services – Clay County



BELOW: At the July 26, 2013 Mother & Child Health Coalition Quarterly meeting (Below) the following individuals accepted the award on behalf of their company or organization, **From left to right:**

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Jecarma Allen, University of Kansas Medical Center;

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Michelle Sanders, MS, IBCLC, Program Coordinator, Women's & Children's Services, Shawnee Mission Medical Center;

BRONZE LEVEL AWARD: Bill Frey, Owner, Ritz Charles Overland Park;

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Kay DeHart, RN, BSN, IBCLC, Nurse and Lactation Consultant at Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics—Kansas City;

SILVER LEVEL AWARD: Victoria Hanley, RN, BSN, Family Health Services Division Director, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment.



Employers: please contact Paul Cesare at pcesare@mchc.net to apply for the Employer's Support for Nursing Mothers Award.

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