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Native Breastfeeding Week: August 9-15, 2020

What is the mission of Native Breastfeeding Week?

- ~ To reflect the diversity of native breastfeeding
- ~ To encourage and uplift the visibility of native breastfeeding experiences



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Why does Native Chest/Breastfeeding Matter?

- ~ The Native Breastfeeding Week Community wishes to address the inequity and injustice of indigenous mothers.
- ~ American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have lower rates of initiation and exclusive breastfeeding relative to other racial/ethnic groups other than African Americans. AI/AN initiation

breastfeeding is 73% whereas the national average is 83%.

- ~ Breastfeeding promotes food sovereignty, body sovereignty, and the healing of the next generation

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