

Chocolate MILK CAFÉ NATIONAL



Chocolate Milk Café National Inc

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In the United States, Black birthing people face several societal and cultural barriers when providing human milk to their young. These barriers often lead to low rates of breastfeeding, chestfeeding, bodyfeeding, and human milk feeding for Black/African-American families.

Because of this, there is a deep need to uplift and celebrate Black lactation and kinship experiences.

We are proud to announce the national launch of the Chocolate Milk Café, a peer to peer support group created by Mama Hakima Tafunzi Payne of Uzazi Village in Kansas City, Missouri.

Through her work, we have grown tremendously and now offer lactation support from almost 30 Certified Facilitators in eight (8) communities within five (5) U.S. states.

Each of our Certified Chocolate Milk Café Facilitators identifies as part of the African Diaspora and are Lactation Professionals (including International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) or Certified Lactation Counselors (CLC)), Midwives, Doulas, Lactating individuals, and Advocates for Human Milk Consumption.

Certified Chocolate Milk Café Facilitators are responsible for providing a sacred space within their community for families who also identify as part of the African Diaspora. They also uphold the Chocolate Milk Café's mission to seek to restore the legacy of human milk feeding as normal and the positive long term implications for the Black/African American Community.

As we expand nationally, we seek to assist members of our community by increasing the rates of initiation and duration of human milk feeding; while simultaneously addressing the infant, child, and maternal health risks that plague all who identify as part of the African Diaspora.

Beginning on October 4th, we will be sharing videos and information about our national organization and the individual chapters of the Chocolate Milk Café. We hope you will be able to engage with us on our social media platforms, our website, and even via email to learn more and to share with others in your community.

It is our hope that our national presence will provide a sacred space for Black identifying people to share their challenges, celebrate their successes, and restore a legacy of human milk consumption for future generations to thrive from.

For more details, visit www.chocolatemilkcafe.com