

2027 NYSBC Annual Education Conference Call for Proposals

Conference Information

The New York Statewide Breastfeeding Coalition (NYSBC) invites you to the Annual Education Conference to be held virtually on **March 18, 2027**. The 2027 conference theme is, *The Clinical and Translational Science of Lactation: Nourishing Thriving Communities in the Empire State*.

The NYSBC Annual Education Conference is a conference for lactation professionals and any health or public health professionals who provide lactation support to families or work to create environments supportive of lactation and human milk feeding. By providing this annual professional continuing education opportunity, the NYSBC aims to improve support from the health care sector for all breastfeeding and human milk feeding families. Presenting at the conference provides an opportunity for you to share your lactation expertise with public health, hospital, and community-based professionals and staff.

Please share this information with anyone you think may also be interested in submitting an abstract and, if selected, presenting it at the NYSBC conference.

We thank you for your participation and engagement.

Conference registration will open January 1, 2027.

Abstract Information

The NYSBC is now accepting abstracts to be considered for presentation at the Annual Education Conference to be held virtually on March 18, 2027. Presenters are encouraged to submit abstracts on the meeting theme - *Nourishing Thriving Communities in the Empire State* - and current and emerging issues in breastfeeding, chestfeeding, and lactation.

The conference will be a virtual meeting and selected presenters will need to complete additional required documentation for continuing education credits to NYSBC by November 30, 2026. Selected presenters will receive free registration at the conference, and an honorarium will be offered commensurate with level of experience and complexity of submission.

For general presenter questions, please contact the Conference Coordinator at conference@nysbreastfeeding.org.

Abstract Submission/Presenter Timeline

Submission deadline: Oct 23, 2026

Review deadline: Nov 04, 2026

Decision announcements: Nov 10, 2026

Required documentation for CE credits deadline: Nov 30, 2026

Abstract and Objectives/Conflict of Interest Submission Deadline – Oct 23, 2026 by 11:59 PM

Abstract Notification - Presenters will be notified via email of abstract status by Nov 10, 2026.

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Topics for Presentation

The NYSBC Conference seeks presentations on the topics listed below from the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee's [National Plan for First Foods, Breastfeeding, and Lactation Support through Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change](#). This is a field-driven national plan that provides a practical roadmap for aligning healthcare, public health, policy, workplace, and community efforts so that all families have a fair and meaningful opportunity to meet their infant feeding goals. Presentations are encouraged that address ways to advance the following national plan objectives and strategies in New York State:

- Expand Equitable Access to Lactation Care
- Strengthen Human Milk Systems & Infant Nutrition Access
- Enhance Community Capacity, Education, and Workforce Development
- Advance Policy & Funding for Equitable Lactation
- Shift Social Norms & Reduce Stigma
- Confront & Regulate Predatory Marketing Practices
- Strengthen Research & Data Governance

Other areas may also be submitted but priority will be given to those meeting the above topic areas.

Session Format Options

Presentation Session – 60 Minutes, 1-2 speakers

The presenter(s) will identify and organize a captivating presentation for **45 minutes** during the 60 minute session to allow time for speaker introductions and Q&A. All presenters **MUST** attend the virtual session.

If you have questions about the abstract submission process, please contact the Conference Coordinator at conference@nysbreastfeeding.org.

Additional Guidelines

- NYSBC does not accept abstracts or research from infant formula companies. Infant formula relationships are described as if you are employed, associated, or affiliated with a company or their subsidiaries, representatives, producers, wholesalers, retailers, associations, foundations, or trade organizations or received funding (direct or indirect) from a company to conduct this research.
- All speakers must be in good standing with the WHO Code Compliance.
- NYSBC records all presentations for on-demand viewing until June 26, 2027.
- Selected presenters will receive complimentary registration to attend the full conference.
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the presenting author to present their work if the abstract is accepted. If for some reason you can no longer present and cannot find a replacement presenter, please email conference@nysbreastfeeding.org as soon as possible.
- Individuals may submit more than one abstract.

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- Accept/Reject notices will be sent to the individual(s) listed as author(s) in the abstract submission form.

Review Process

- You may review, modify, or withdraw your abstract any time before Friday, Oct 23, 2026, 11:59 (EST) by logging back into the abstract submission site. Check your email for the link or click on the link on the top right of the abstract submission page.
- Each abstract will be reviewed by the Review Committee, and decisions to accept or reject abstracts rests with the Conference Planning Committee.

Continuing Education Credit Guidelines

- NYSBC values the ability to provide continuing education credit to lactation professionals at its annual education conference. Complete all required information when submitting an abstract so credit can be claimed by attendees. These credits are necessary for attendees to keep their licenses and credentials. For a session to be eligible for continuing education credit, EVERY presenter or panelist must follow these guidelines:
 - Do not use trade names or commercial product names.
 - Include at least one measurable objective: Use ONLY the following measurable action verbs: **Explain, Demonstrate, Analyze, Formulate, Discuss, Compare, Differentiate, Describe, Name, Assess, Evaluate, Identify, Design, Define** or **List**. Do not use (a) unmeasurable objectives such as “to understand” or “to learn” or (b) compound objectives.
 - Submit a signed conflict of interest disclosure form with a relevant qualification statement (short biography).

How to Submit

1. Download and read the abstract application preview from the conference website. NYSBC suggests that abstracts be developed and finalized off-line in a program such as Microsoft Word for ease of editing and then copied into the online submission form.
2. Download and read the IBCLE Disclosure Form from the conference website. This signed form will need to be uploaded to the online submission form.
3. All abstract applications must be submitted online via our abstract submission form here: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/82695/submitter>. Before you can make a submission, you will be prompted to log in or set up an account with Oxford Abstracts.

Submissions must be made **by 11:59 PM on October 23, 2026**. Submissions sent via email will not be considered.

Questions

Contact us at conference@nysbreastfeeding.org.