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RE: NCCDPHP Assessment and Monitoring of Breastfeeding-Related Maternity Care Practices in Intrapartum Care Facilities in the United States and Territories

OMB Control Number: 0920-0743
ICR Reference Number: 202601-0920-008

Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute (CGBI) at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, regarding The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) survey. As an Abt Associates subcontractor to CDC's EMPOWER Breastfeeding quality improvement initiatives over a ten-year period of time, CGBI has used the mPINC survey to assist hospitals in identifying areas for prioritization of practice improvement. We strongly support the renewal and continuation of mPINC as it is the only established continuous survey that collects quality improvement data on lactation support practices in the maternity care setting.

As a breastfeeding training and technical assistance provider we have used the mPINC survey in a variety of ways. We have educated hospital administration and maternity care teams how to use the survey to monitor their progress in implementing evidence-based practices that support breastfeeding. Measurement promotes accountability and drives the culture of improvement. We have used it to design educational interventions and as a tool to coach facilities on best practices.

Additionally, through our ENRICH Carolinas project we were able to show that enrolled facilities made greater practice improvements versus non-participating facilities. This allows us to evaluate the success of implementation and technical assistance models that result in measurable change. Just this week, we were able to publish our findings in the Journal of Human Lactation: [Moving the Needle on Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care: Using mPINC Data to Evaluate the Impact of the ENRICH Carolinas Project - Kathryn Wouk, Kathleen C. Parry, Julia F. Bourg, Christine Masterman, Michelle J. Hendricks, Brooke Gilliam, Catherine Sullivan, 2026.](#)

The survey is a tool used by state departments of health to assess the quality of breastfeeding support in hospitals through the aggregate state report. This is the basis for support for state level recognition programs.

In summary, the mPINC is a vital resource for both public health practitioners and hospital systems working toward the implementation of evidence-based maternal and child health practices. Please direct questions to catherine_sullivan@unc.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine S. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small horizontal line above the first letter of the first name.

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