Meet Your Instructors

Erin Marsh, RN, IBCLC, CCE — Erin has over 10 years of experience educating new parents on pregnancy, birth, and infant/child care. She has assisted mothers to breastfeed and is a Certified Lactation Consultant. She is a Registered Nurse and Certified Childbirth Educator. Erin is a previous home visiting nurse with the Garrett County Early Care Programs. She was also employed at Garrett Regional Medical Center as a Labor & Delivery Nurse.

Katie Welch, RN, IBCLC, CCE — Katie has over 10 years of experience educating new parents on pregnancy, birth and infant/child care. She is a Registered Nurse and Certified Childbirth Educator. She has assisted mothers to breastfeed and is a Certified Lactation Consultant. Katie is a home visiting nurse and Nurse Supervisor with the Garrett County Early Care Programs. Prior to working at the Garrett County Health Department, Katie was also employed at Garrett Regional Medical Center as a Labor & Delivery Nurse.

Lacy Coffren, RN, IBCLC—Lacy has over 5 years of experience educating new parents on pregnancy, birth and infant/child care. She is a Registered Nurse with the Garrett County Health Department Early Care Programs. Lacy is a home visiting nurse and Outreach Worker. She has assisted mothers to breastfeed and is a Certified Lactation Consultant.



Classes are held at the Garrett County Health Department

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Breastfeeding



2024 Class Schedule

Classes are free, fun, and available afternoons or evenings to fit your schedule.

Bring your breastfeeding questions about:

- Going back to work or school
- Breast surgery
- Allergies
- Tattoos or piercings
- Feeding twins
- Nursing bras
- Bottles, pacifiers
- Whatever is an your mind

Breastfeeding is a special gift you, and only YOU, can give your baby. Almost all mothers can nurse their babies if they have help and know what to expect.



What You Will Learn...

- How mother's milk protects your baby
- Getting off to a good start in the hospital
- Ways to prevent soreness
- Being sure baby is getting plenty of milk
- Pumping—why, when and how
- Fitting nursing into your day (and night)
- When diet, medication or other issues may affect breastfeeding
- Ways family and friends can help
- Where to find help when you need it

What to bring...

Bring a family member, friend, or anyone who wants to know more about breastfeeding. Dads are welcome—they can help!



2024 Class Schedule

Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

- January 17th
- March 20th
- May 15th
- July 17th
- September 18th
- November 2Ωth

Wednesday Afternoons: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

- February 14th
- April 17th
- June 12th
- August 21st
- October 16th
- December 18th

To register and for more information call: 301-334-7720 or 301-895-3111