

There are no obstacles to breastfeeding in Idaho



The mission of the Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition is to facilitate a community and statewide landscape that protects, supports, and promotes breastfeeding as the biological norm for a healthier Idaho.

Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition is pleased to announce:

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Dr. Jane Grassley Breastfeeding Award of Excellence.

To highlight breastfeeding excellence in the state of Idaho, the Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition has created an annual award to recognize an individual who fulfills the Mission and Vision of the IBC. The annual award will be presented to individuals who demonstrate leadership, dedication and compassion for breastfeeding families within the state.

The creation of the award was inspired by Dr. Jane Grassley's lifelong contributions and commitment to breaking down barriers to breastfeeding. Through her research and leadership, she has touched the lives of many and shaped the career path of numerous professionals.

The award is to acknowledge an individual who has shown exceptional dedication and leadership to promote, support, and protect breastfeeding and break down the barriers to breastfeeding in Idaho.

Nominate an individual in your Idaho community that has shown this kind of leadership and dedication. An application is available on the Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition website, <https://www.idahobreastfeeding.org/> The Board Members of the Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition will determine the annual recipient and the award will be presented at the Idaho Breastfeeding Summit.



Award Selection Process

Completed Applications must be received by midnight April 30, 2019. The Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition Board will make the selection and the recipient will be acknowledged at the 2019 Idaho Breastfeeding Summit.

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About Dr. Jane Grassley, RN, PhD, IBCLC, ICCE

In 2004, Dr. Jane Grassley wrote her dissertation on *Understanding Maternal Breastfeeding Confidence*, a subject matter that illuminated throughout her career. In a number of publications, honors and awards received on topics ranging from a grandmother's role in supporting breastfeeding to supporting adolescents in childbirth, nurturing breastfeeding confidence has been a common theme in her research. A theme that shines in her love and passion for the new family and has made her the mentor she is today.

Dr. Grassley graduated from University of Oklahoma School of Nursing in 1974; she then traveled the US furthering her education and deepening her passion to nurture and support breastfeeding mothers, babies and families. She pursued a Masters in Maternal Child Nursing from University of Washington, Theological Studies from Fuller Seminary in Seattle WA and later a PhD in Nursing from Texas Women's University.

Dr. Grassley moved to the Northwest in 2010, and joined the faculty at Boise State University School of Nursing. She is now professor of nursing and the Jody DeMeyer Endowed Chair in Nursing. She holds a joint appointment with Women's Services at St. Luke's Regional Health System where she collaborates with the hospitals' lactation consultants to develop research and evidence-based practice projects that support breastfeeding.

As an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) for 20 years, her research has focused on areas related to promoting and supporting breastfeeding. Her current research focuses on the uses of mobile technologies in facilitating community support for mother's breastfeeding a late preterm or early term infant. Her focus is always invested in understanding how we can nurture mothers' breastfeeding confidence.

Award Application

Person making the Nomination: _____

I would like to nominate: _____

The nominee resides in the state of Idaho. Yes ___ No ___

Please explain how this candidate fulfills the mission and vision of the Idaho Breastfeeding coalition while providing additional relevant information about the candidate.