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Kellybrook Elementary Wins Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Award

LIBERTY, Mo. – June 23, 2017 – Kellybrook Elementary received the Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Award from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The award is part of Missouri’s “Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program,” which is a collaboration between the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Breastfeeding Coalition. The program works to educate employers and promote breastfeeding friendly workplaces.

Becoming a nursing friendly workplace involves identifying and creating a private room, scheduling breaks for nursing employees and reviewing policies regarding breastfeeding. Former PTA Vice President Sarah Maser found the grant from a simple Google search. Through the full support of Kellybrook Elementary staff, the PTA, Principle Andrea Wilson and the Liberty Public School Human Resources Department, the easily accessible breastfeeding room was created and awarded.

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor with Clay County Public Health, Julia Hladky, said that it is very important for moms to have a safe and comfortable place to pump during the workday. “By having a breastfeeding room, it helps working moms keep up their breast milk supply, so they can continue their breastfeeding journey and meet their goal,” Hladky said.

Businesses also benefit from having a breastfeeding friendly workplace. Reduced absenteeism, lower health care costs, improved employee productivity and increased morale are all direct benefits to businesses. More information about the Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program and the Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Award can be found here:

<http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/breastfeeding/support.php>

About Clay County Public Health Center

Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit www.clayhealth.com.

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