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**Medina County Health Department WIC Employee  
Becomes an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant**

Medina, Ohio—In 2006, Jamie McNeeley began her journey to become an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) while working for the Medina County Health Department Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division as a Certified Lactation Counselor. The program included hundreds of counseling hours and specialized training as well classes on child and maternal health. Jamie finished the IBCLC program and passed the exam in 2011. Medina County residents have better access to quality breastfeeding services since there are now two IBCLCs in Medina County. This new certification allows her to expand her services to provide breastfeeding consulting services to mothers and babies with medical concerns.

“I am looking forward to continue offering breastfeeding support for WIC participants, the community, and outreach programs using my IBCLC certification,” stated Jamie McNeeley. “The more educated you are, the more successful you can be with breastfeeding. The Medina County Health Department has classes to get you ready before the baby arrives.”

Jamie McNeeley is the coordinator for the Medina County Health Department Breastfeeding Support Team. This Team is responsible for pre- and post-natal education about breastfeeding. They credit their success in Medina County because of their extensive education program.

“I enjoy spending time with the moms and babies. It is important to help them get off to the best start with breastfeeding,” related Jamie McNeeley. “Anyone interested in learning more about breastfeeding supportive agencies and services in Medina County should attend the 2012 Baby Fair.”

Baby Fair is on Saturday, March 3, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Edward A. Hall Conference Center (Entrance A), at Medina Hospital.

For breastfeeding support or class information, please call the Medina County Health Department Breastfeeding Support Team at 330-723-9629. The Medina County Health Department has protected the health of Medina County citizens since 1918. Services are partially funded by your local property tax health levy. For more information about our services, call us at 330-723-9688, toll-free at 1-888-723-9688, or visit us at [www.medinahealth.org](http://www.medinahealth.org).

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