

La Leche League USA Statement

The Infant Food Security Emergency

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Our organization's Mission statement is "La Leche League USA helps parents, families, and communities to breastfeed, chestfeed, and human milk feed their babies through parent-to-parent support. LLL USA encourages, informs, educates, supports, and promotes the use of human milk and the intimate relationship and development that comes from nursing a child for as long as mutually desired."

www.lllusa.org/about-us/

In an effort to provide support to families during the current formula shortage, La Leche League USA wants to amplify information that has been published by other national lactation organizations with the additional expertise in guiding families through this crisis.

The United States Lactation Consultant Association shares Navigating the US Formula Shortage: A Safe Approach, a comprehensive PDF of resources linking the USLCA directory, Human Milk Banking Association of North America, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine.

The United States Breastfeeding Committee includes a "Special Section on the Infant Formula Recall and Shortage" each week in their newsletter: <u>Staying Abreast: Weekly Wire</u>. A <u>Joint Statement on Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) in the U.S.</u> has been released by the member organizations.

La Leche League USA continues to provide our unique peer-to-peer volunteer breastfeeding support and resources through the <u>Illusa.org website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>. Examples are:

- Increasing Milk Supply
- Relactation During Emergencies
- Milk Donation and Milk Sharing
- Parents can find local volunteer support by checking the map at Illusa.org/locator/

LLL USA is committed to helping families reach their nursing goals. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in breastfeeding, pumping, and human milk feeding. Leaders are accredited volunteers who offer free general lactation information and support. It should be noted that LLL USA and its entities do not organize or manage milk sharing networks or donations.