



EMILY BERNARD

Emily Bernard, MA, IBCLC serves as a behavioral, community engagement, and capacity building consultant working across the nation with non-profits, local health departments, and community-based organizations. Her passion is in counseling families and individuals, and those who aim to support them. She is often found online or in-person providing community or project assessments and facilitating conversations while ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusion.

She often trains others through curriculum development and implementation and serves as an adjunct faculty professor at Merced College in the Psychology department. She earned a Bachelor's of Science and Master's Degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Family Counseling and Health and is currently a candidate for her Clinical Doctorate in Psychology. She became an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant almost two decades ago, a doula not long after, and is a Coparenting Facilitator. She has furthered her collective impact education through the Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement as well as becoming a Master Trainer for TeamSTEPPS through Duke University. She loves spending time with her family outdoors and being an active part of her three children's lives while residing in the Central Valley of California.

TAMI FRANK

Tami oversees PHL's financial operations and grant management. Tami attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.



Tami is also a Certified Lactation Counselor, coordinating PHL's breastfeeding initiatives and serving as Project Director for the Lincoln Community Breastfeeding Initiative. Tami's experience includes working for Nebraska Medical Association, where she also served on the Childhood Obesity Prevention Project and the public health committee focused child health policy. Tami and her husband, Kevin, have three children.



TED FRASER

Ted Fraser serves as the Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln's Health Data Analyst. He works to help healthcare providers establish consistent patient data collection and reporting methods, with a special emphasis on turning data into information.

After earning a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, Ted worked in an acute rehabilitation setting, specializing in patients recovering from spinal cord injuries and burns. Following a position helping manage statewide behavioral health programs, Ted joined Nebraska's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization, working with healthcare providers from all care settings. Ted and his wife Barbara, a Registered Dietitian, enjoy bicycling on Lincoln's trail system.

NAOMI BILLUPS

Since 2006, Naomi has contributed her skills and expertise to the San Diego community as the Public Health Nutrition Manager for the County of San Diego.



Naomi has been instrumental in the food system through assisting to establish the San Diego Food Systems Alliance, designing and managing the implementation of the food system interventions for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Communities Putting Prevention to Work, Community Transformation Grant, 1422/Prevention, Sodium Reduction Initiative. She also guides the food systems efforts for the County's SNAP-Ed program, and manages the Lactation Supportive Environments program. Prior to coming to the County of San Diego she was the Public Health Nutritionist for California Project LEAN/California Department of Public Health from 1998 - 2006 focusing on school food policy. Naomi has a background in diabetes prevention for the North County Native American Health Council.



SHANA WRIGHT

Shana Wright Bruno has over 6 years of experience in leadership, program coordination, strategic planning, behavior change, and health promotion. She currently serves as Director of the San Diego Childhood Obesity Initiative.

Previously, Shana supported the Lactation Supportive Environments (LSE) initiative, working to implement policy, systems, and environmental change strategies supporting breastfeeding friendly environments and lactation accommodation. Prior, she worked on lactation programs under the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant, a nationwide initiative funded by the CDC; and supported the Workplace Lactation Accommodation initiative. Shana assisted with the development of a “Working and Breastfeeding” page for the San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition website, developing several tools for the sustainable toolkit for employers, employees, and schools. Shana has also served as a Program Manager with the Retail and School Wellness Programs under a SNAP-Ed grant. Shana supported both initiatives coordinating programs with elementary schools and retailers promoting access to healthy foods and increased physical activity throughout San Diego County.

Shana is a Certified Health Education Specialist and received her Master of Public Health with an emphasis in health promotion and behavioral sciences from San Diego State University. Her undergraduate background stems from a B.A. in Sociology from the College of Charleston.

BRENDA BANDY

Brenda Bandy is the Co-Executive Director of the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition. Brenda Bandy oversees the KBC's programs which includes work with employers, child care providers, families, public health, hospitals, and community organizations.



Brenda is an active member Kansas Maternal Child Health Council which advises the state's Title V program. She has been an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) since 2010. She is an active member and a former Board member of the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee since 2011. Brenda is also a retired La Leche League Leader of over 20 years. She has a passion for bringing people together to remove barriers to breastfeeding.

CARMEN VALVERDE



Carmen has been helping birthing and breastfeeding families since 2018. She is a certified birth doula, certified lactation counselor, and Breastfeeding USA counselor based out of Dodge City, KS.

For the past 3 years, she has been working with the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition to bring “Latin Lactation in Southwestern Kansas” to her community. Lactancia Latina is a coalition that serves the 19 counties of southwestern Kansas in English and Spanish.