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November 30, 2017. **The Blackfeet Community Hospital Breastfeeding Room Opens**



Blackfeet Community Hospital Breastfeeding Room

On November 16, 2017, The Blackfeet Community Hospital, with assistance from the Blackfeet Breastfeeding Coalition, held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of its first employee breastfeeding room. The room is conveniently and centrally located within the in-patient unit to maximize use and minimize distance for employees, giving them a private and quiet respite to tend to their baby.

The Coalition plans to set up and open at least six additional breastfeeding rooms within the Blackfeet community by the year's end. Once completed, the Coalition plans to create a map and directory so that people from around the community know or can learn where they can drop in to breastfeed when they need a private, quiet spot. In conjunction with the opening of the breastfeeding rooms, the Coalition is working with various employers to adopt workplace breastfeeding policies. Policies have been adopted at Blackfeet Community Hospital and Browning Public Schools.



Tara Peterson, Asst. Nurse Supervisor, cutting the ribbon for the ceremony celebrating the new Breastfeeding Room.



Members of the Blackfeet Breastfeeding Coalition and Blackfeet Community Hospital Staff: *Nikki Hannon, Katie Boggs, Tara Peterson, Stefany Jones, Dana Pemberton, Cinda Burd, Kate Mitchell, Ronnel Kipp.*

