

**HEALTHY  
MOMS.  
STRONG  
BABIES.**



**DONOR HUMAN MILK US STATE POLICIES AND ADVOCACY**

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
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# OUR APPROACH



## LEAD & INNOVATE

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**Data analysis & forecasting**

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**Research**

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**Public policy**

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**Consumer education**



## MOBILIZE ACTION

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**National and local  
partnerships & collaboratives**

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**Public awareness campaigns**

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**Advocacy**



## DELIVER DIRECT IMPACT

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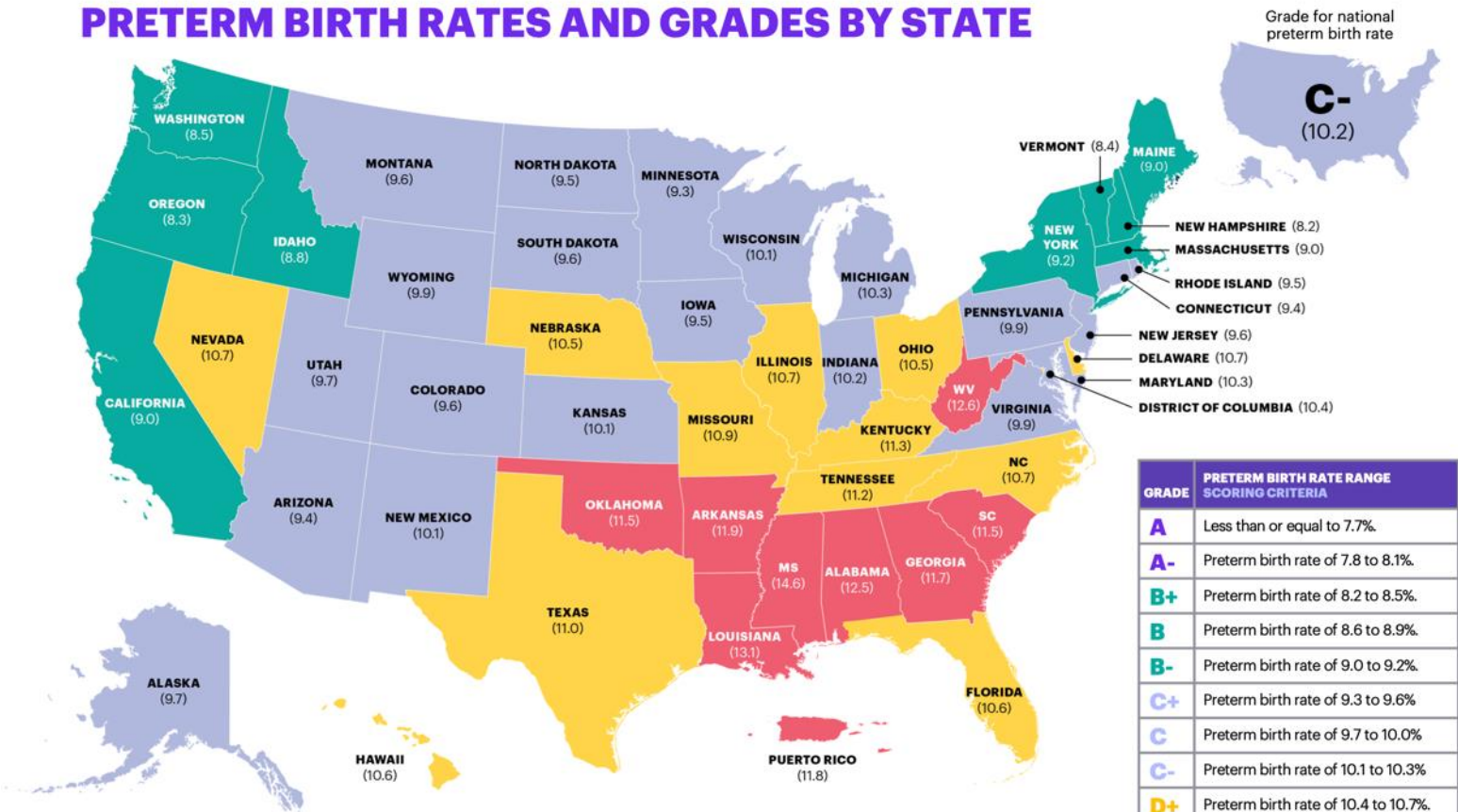
**Health programs**

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**Professional training**

WHERE A MOM  
LIVES COULD  
DETERMINE  
IF HER BABY  
WILL BE BORN  
PRETERM.

PRETERM BIRTH RATES AND GRADES BY STATE



Puerto Rico is not included in the United States total.  
Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation, based on obstetric estimate of gestational age.  
Source: Preterm birth rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics, 2019 final natality data.  
Grades assigned by March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center.

GRADE	PRETERM BIRTH RATE RANGE SCORING CRITERIA
A	Less than or equal to 7.7%.
A-	Preterm birth rate of 7.8 to 8.1%.
B+	Preterm birth rate of 8.2 to 8.5%.
B	Preterm birth rate of 8.6 to 8.9%.
B-	Preterm birth rate of 9.0 to 9.2%.
C+	Preterm birth rate of 9.3 to 9.6%.
C	Preterm birth rate of 9.7 to 10.0%.
C-	Preterm birth rate of 10.1 to 10.3%.
D+	Preterm birth rate of 10.4 to 10.7%.
D	Preterm birth rate of 10.8 to 11.1%.
D-	Preterm birth rate of 11.2 to 11.4%.
F	Preterm birth rate greater than or equal to 11.5%.

# WHY MARCH OF DIMES POLICY PRIORITY



## \$ COSTS

Average cost of Donor  
Human Milk is \$6 per oz.  
Prolacta Fortifier



## SCIENCE

Evidence supports the  
use of DHM in VLBW



## EQUITY

Healthcare Disparities

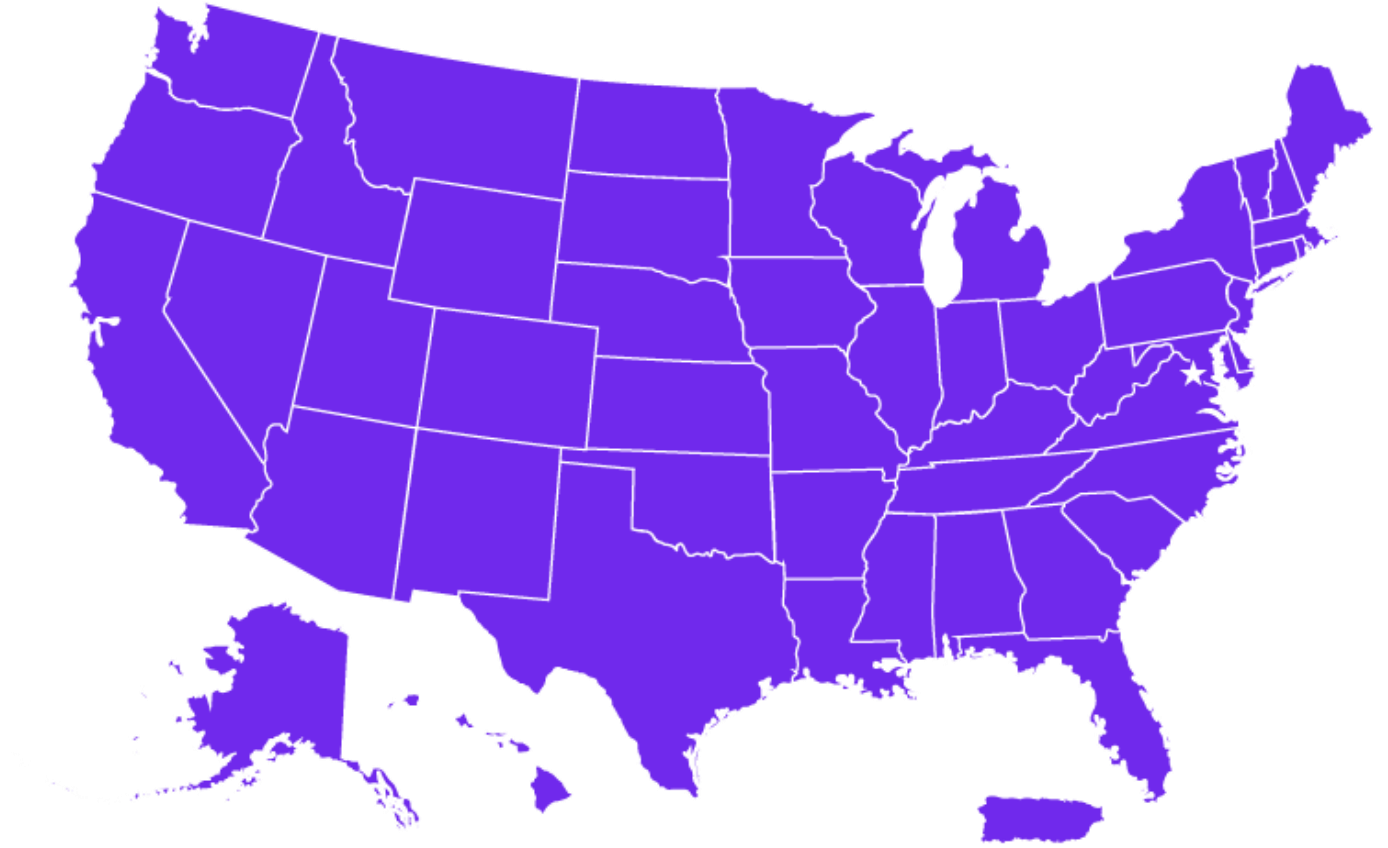


## EDUCATION

Engage stakeholders, families,  
healthcare professionals and  
lawmakers in advocacy

# DONOR HUMAN MILK ENACTED LEGISLATION

California – Medicaid  
Connecticut- Medicaid  
Illinois- Medicaid and Commercial  
Kansas – Medicaid  
Kentucky – Commercial  
Missouri- Medicaid  
New Jersey – Medicaid and Commercial  
New York – Medicaid and Commercial  
Ohio- Medicaid  
Oregon – Medicaid  
Pennsylvania – Medicaid  
Texas – Medicaid  
Utah – Medicaid  
District of Columbia - Medicaid



# FEDERAL LAW AND POLICY

ACA substantially bolstered and strengthened breastfeeding policies and support

- Mandated coverage for support and counseling services, equipment
- Workplace: required dedicated space for breastfeeding and time for hourly-wage working mothers
- Falls short on Donor Human Milk
- No FDA oversight





# ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE ACCESS

Address Disparities

Engage our Stakeholders: high-risk families voice

Advance PREEMIE Re-Authorization ACT – research

Model State Legislation for State Adoption

Hospital Policies and Protocols



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