

Melrose-Wakefield Hospital is on the journey to becoming a Baby Friendly Hospital



The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative is a program of the World Health Organization (WHO) & United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Baby-Friendly birthing facilities worldwide take special steps to create an environment for parents and infants that ensures the best start for breastfeeding.

What does this mean for you?

- **Whether you are breast or bottle feeding, you and your baby will receive the best care and support as you begin your new life together.**
- **You will be encouraged to stay together with your baby during your hospital stay (rooming-in).**
- **Complimentary pacifiers will not be routinely provided.**
- **Lactation consultants will be available to help you with breastfeeding.**

For further information about Baby-Friendly, call the Breastfeeding Support Center at (781) 979-6455, or call Carol Downes, Director Maternal-Newborn Service at (781) 979-3643.

Or visit www.hallmarkhealth.org or www.babyfriendlyusa.org.

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