



COALITION OF OKLAHOMA BREASTFEEDING ADVOCATES

Systemic Racism Position Statement

COBA firmly stands against all forms of oppression, and will continue to collaborate, partner and engage to fully support families across life stages so our children can grow, develop and lead productive and healthy lives, free from implicit as well as explicit racism.

OUR POSITION:

All healthcare and breastfeeding care providers will:

- Consider individual needs and provide patient-centered, unbiased, culturally appropriate, evidence-based care.
- Deliberately and intentionally work to understand the historical and current forms of trauma women and families have experienced or are experiencing.
- Encourage, support and provide greater accessibility to people of color seeking to enter the healthcare and breastfeeding professions.
- Examine, address and correct the ways current lactation care and breastfeeding support may perpetuate implicit bias and racial inequity.
- Help identify culturally relevant resources and remove obstacles so that families can find and evaluate the services they need.
- Involve people of color in developing and growing healthcare services.
- Practice humility and examine and acknowledge their own individual and workplace bias.