



La Leche League Canada

Because breastfeeding isn't always easy, we're here to help

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La Leche League Canada provides information and support for all breastfeeding mothers, including those who have premature or ill babies.

La Leche League Canada acknowledges the importance of human milk for human babies; it should be available through local breastmilk banks for situations where the mother is unable to breastfeed or provide enough of her own pumped milk for her baby.

Donated breastmilk decreases the incidence of infections which are common in premature babies such as Necrotizing Enterocolitis as it provides immune factors (macrophages, leukocytes, secretory IgA and others) which bind to microbes and prevent them from establishing an infection.

Reduction of infections in pre-term babies leads to shorter hospital stays and reduction of health care costs. Shorter hospital stays also reduce the additional costs and stresses to families of the pre-term babies

Donor breastmilk provided through breastmilk banks is screened for disease and provides the safest alternative to the mother's own milk when it is not available.

La Leche League Canada commends the Quebec government for working towards providing an accessible breastmilk bank for the mothers and babies of Quebec.