# Addressing First Food Deserts



# Dramatization: Mother and Mother-to-be discuss breastfeeding

### Access to First Food is a Challenge Across the Nation



#### **Breastfeeding benefits:**

- 1. Reduction in mother's risk of breast cancer
- Reduction in infant mortality due to diarrhea and pneumonia
- 3. Enhancement of infant growth, immunity, and development
- Free source of highly nutritious food for infant and, facilitation of mother-child bonding

Services do exist that facilitate breastfeeding uptake: IBCLCs, ILCAs, Baby Friendly Hospitals, Baby Cafes, La Leche Leagues, HMBANAs

**Except these services exist in silos** 

There is a disconnect between users and providers; and between providers themselves

## An web-based app will help parents and providers access resources and continually improve services.

#### **Parents Need:**

- 1. Help finding local resources
- 2. Access to virtual resources

3. Trusted, online literature

#### **Health Providers Need:**

- 1. To understand the local ecosystem
- 2. Feedback on the resources their community needs
- 3. Trusted, online literature for patients

### Parents Interface

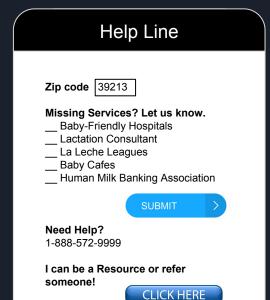
#### Map of Resources

Available Services:

Baby-Friendly
Hospitals
a) University Hospital

Lactation Consultant
Helpline
a) Jane Doe
jane.doe@gmail.com
888-234-7658

La Leche Leagues



#### Resources

General Information about Breastfeeding

Resource A

www.breastfeeding.com

Rate Your Provider/Resources

Dropdown Button +

Dropdown One

Dropdown Two

Dropdown Three

### Provider Interface

#### **Network**

#### List of LCs.

Doctors and other health providers in the area to pair with:

- 1. Doctors
- 2. <u>LCs</u>
- 3. IBCLCs
- 4. <u>Pre-Natal</u> <u>Groups</u>
- 5. <u>Breast Pump</u> <u>Sellers</u>



#### Demand of Services

#### Albaquerque needs LCs!

Tucson needs more Baby Friendly Hospitals!

Las Vegas needs more places where babies can be nursed!



#### Resources/Ratings

#### Top 3 providers

- 1. Boston Medical
- **Center**
- 2. Chicago LC Corp
- 3. <u>LA BP Sellers</u>
- \* List of All Providers \*

# With this app, parents and providers will have a greater ability to make a first food choice.

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Identify a partner foundation to support the app's development and maintain long-term management of the data.

2

Collect and refine underlying data to support app information.

3

Share app with providers and parents to introduce them to the platform and increase the value of the information.