Meals on Wheels: Transporting MOM to NICUs Across New Orleans



NOLA Milk Mobile



Saul's Light Milk Mobile reduces transportation barriers by helping families deliver expressed breast milk to infants receiving NICU care.

<u>Geography</u>:

- Region 1
  - Orleans*
  - Jefferson*
  - Plaquemine
  - St. Bernard

<u>Participating Hospitals (7)</u>:

- LCMC
- Ochsner Health

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Additional Services



Transporting MOM to NICUs & donor milk to MMBLA



Returning loaner pumps to NICUs

Distributing emergeny preparedness kits*

Providing comprehensive lactation support*

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Program Insights

Health Equity

- Social Determinants of Health
- Elimination of Health Disparities
- Equitable Access to CareAddressing Structural and Systemic Injustices
- Data Disaggregation and Monitoring

Family-Centered

- Breastfeeding continuity
- Maternal recovery
- Immigrant experience

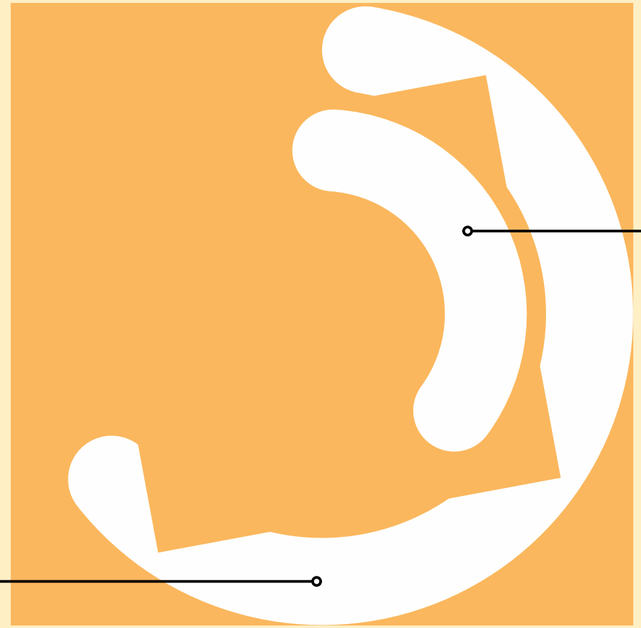


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Community Engagement



Hospital buy-in



Community-based groups (partnership)



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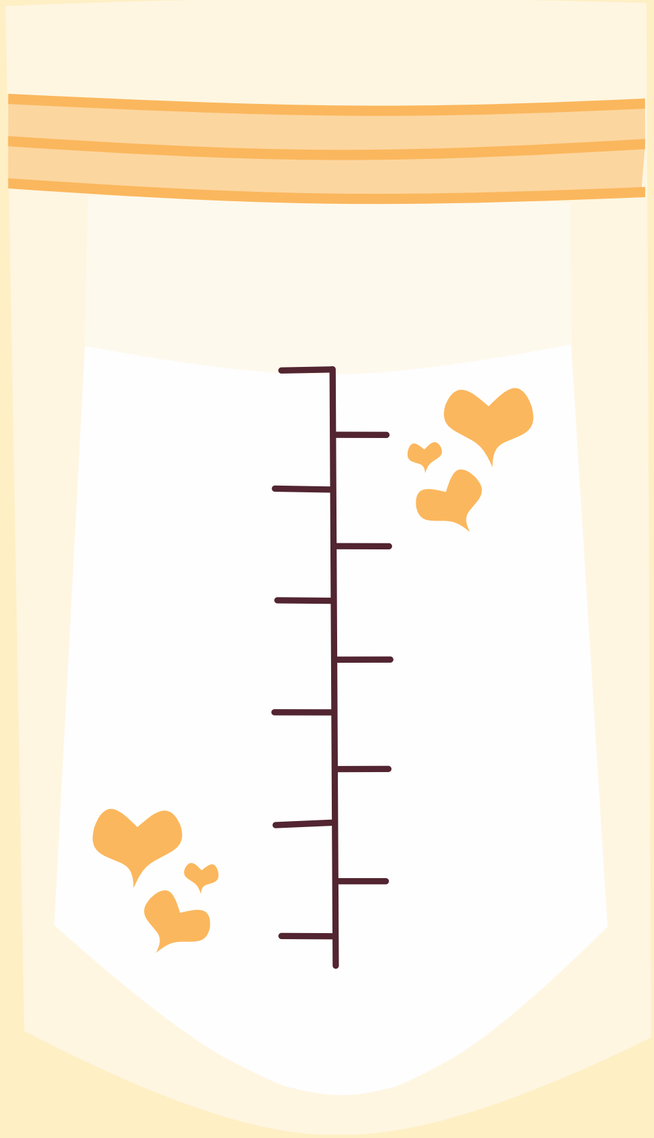
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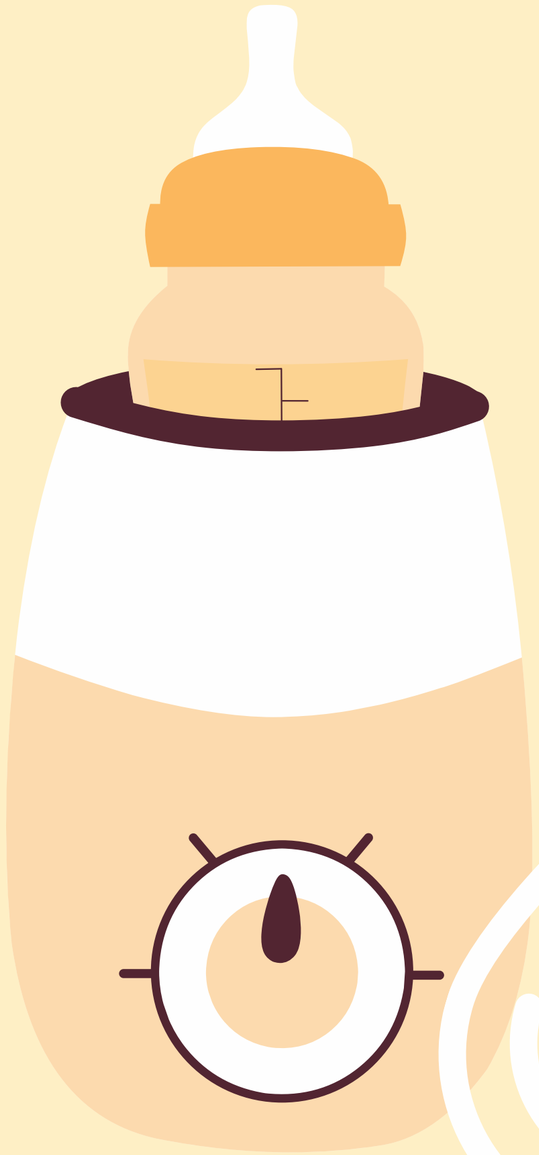
Donor Milk	Pumps	Delivery to NICU	Support & Supplies	Total Transports & Family Engagement
3	6	10	6	25

***Annually, roughly 10-15% of the families are supported by Saul's Light Milk Mobile + Lactation Program**

****Incomplete data impacted by immigration enforcement**



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Family Feedback

"WHEN I WASN'T ABLE TO BRING MY BREAST MILK TO THE HOSPITAL MYSELF, THEIR SERVICE WAS A HUGE HELP.

THEY WERE VERY KIND AND EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY.

I'M TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT"

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Challenges & Lessons

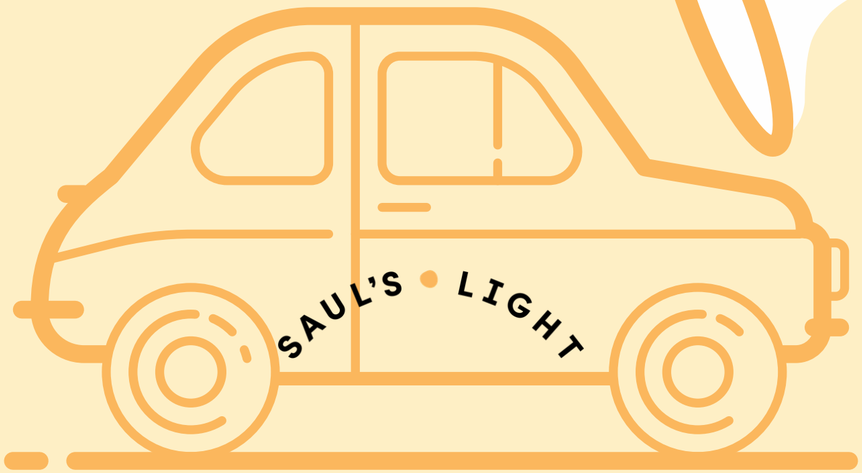
- Rapid response & flexibility
- Hospital handoffs
- Demand beyond service boundaries
- Vehicle maintenance

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Looking Ahead

- Comprehensive plan for a state-wide human milk transportation system
- Messaging for Milk Mobile services
- Expanding laction support & material resources
- Education & Advocacy

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Thank You!

Q&A