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Jessica Lee is a Staff Attorney at the Center for WorkLife Law, and co-founder of the Center's Nursing Mothers Law Project. She works to advance gender equality in the workplace and in education, and is a nationally recognized expert on discrimination related to pregnancy and breastfeeding. Lee's advocacy focuses on empowering pregnant and breastfeeding students, working parents, and their advocates by providing the legal, policy, and strategic tools they need to overcome and dismantle structural barriers. She has provided know-your-rights resources and training on workplace supports for breastfeeding to thousands of healthcare providers and public health practitioners. Lee also seeks to prevent discrimination by working with institutions to draft and implement family responsive policies.

Lee's writing has been featured in publications ranging from The Chronicle of Higher Education and the Harvard Business Review to the journals Breastfeeding Medicine and Midwifery and Women's Health. She is a co-author of the study, Exposed: Discrimination Against Breastfeeding Workers, with Joan C. Williams and Liz Morris.

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Caroline Wick is the Lactation Accommodation Program Coordinator for UC San Francisco. She is dedicated to supporting those transitioning back to work or school and continuing to express milk. She is continuing her education to become an IBCLC lactation consultant as she is passionate about reproductive health and postpartum care.

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Robbie Gonzalez-Dow is a registered dietitian and seasoned public health advocate with many years removing institutional and environmental barriers to breastfeeding through grassroots organizing, education, advocacy and policy work. Robbie is currently the Executive Director for the California Breastfeeding Coalition and is the Regional Breastfeeding Liaison for the Community Bridges WIC Program in Santa Cruz County. She leads the California Breastfeeding Coalitions statewide efforts to promote the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, reimbursement for clinical lactation services and supplies and improvements to lactation accommodation for people in the workforce and who are incarcerated. Robbie was the staff lead for the development of the 9 Steps to Breastfeeding Friendly: Guidelines for Community Health Centers and Outpatient Care Settings, a collaborative document by the California Department of Public Health. At Community Bridges WIC Program she provides technical assistance to employers to comply with federal and state lactation accommodation laws and supports the development of comprehensive workplace lactation programs with expertise in the agriculture industry. Robbie is a fellow of the Women's Foundation of California, Women's Policy Institute. She received her Bachelor of Science from California State University, Fresno and her Master's in Public Health from UC Berkeley.

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