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Putnam County and the Global BIG Latch On

- August 1, 2014—Maternal child health nurses and Women Infant and Children (WIC) staff from the health department participated in the Great American Latch On event in August for the first time. The event is part of a worldwide event, the Global BIG Latch On, which promotes the practice of breastfeeding. It brings awareness to the benefits of breastfeeding, as well as the rights of mothers to nurse their children in public. The Putnam event was held at the Carmel Fire Department, where it continues to be held today.
- July 31, 2015—For the second consecutive year, maternal child health nurses, WIC staff and breastfeeding women participated in the Putnam event as part of Global BIG Latch On event to promote breastfeeding in the county and throughout the world.
- August 5, 2016—Twenty-two breastfeeding moms, 23 babies—including a set of twins—and dozens of family members participated in the Putnam’s Global BIG Latch On event to promote breastfeeding. The Putnam event was again organized by the maternal child health nurses and WIC staff at the health department.
- August 4, 2017—Nineteen breastfeeding moms, 20 babies—including a set of twins—and dozens of family members participated in Putnam’s Global BIG Latch-On event to promote breastfeeding.
- August 3, 2018—Twenty-seven breastfeeding moms, 28 babies—including a set of siblings—and dozens of family members participated in the Global BIG Latch On event to promote breastfeeding.
- August 2, 2019—Based on the past successes of Putnam’s Global BIG Latch On events, a second location is added to further support breastfeeding moms throughout the county. The Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison and the Carmel Fire Department are among the worldwide sites in the tenth annual event. It is the sixth consecutive year that maternal child health nurses and WIC staff have organized the celebration in Putnam.

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