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Champlain Centre Unveils Mamava Pod at Grand Opening Event

Plattsburgh, NY, April 24, 2025. The Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) is excited to announce the grand opening of a Mamava lactation pod at the Champlain Centre mall in Plattsburgh, NY. The ADA compatible pod, installed in collaboration with the CCHD's *Breastfeeding, Chestfeeding and Lactation Friendly, NY* (BFF-NY) grant, provides chest/breastfeeding parents with a private, clean, and comfortable space to pump or nurse their babies.

The community is invited to join us for a special ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration on Tuesday, April 29th from 10:00am to 11:00am. The grand opening will take place adjacent to the Kid's Zone. Attendees can enter through the main mall entrance area closest to Kohl's.

"While mothers are welcome to nurse their children anywhere they wish at Champlain Centre, we are thrilled to offer the option of an easily accessible Mamava pod here for added comfort and convenience," said Lisa Getty, General Manager of Champlain Centre.

Mamava designs, engineers and assembles their lactation pods in Burlington, Vermont. Pods are accessed through the free Mamava app, which helps parents find lactation spaces – not just Mamava pods – wherever they go. The app opens the pod and allows parents to customize the lighting and airflow, as well as listen to soothing sounds. The pod is equipped with seven-foot solid walls, easy-to-clean surfaces, comfortable benches, ventilation fans, a locking door, and complete wheelchair accessibility.

"Every Mamava pod represents progress toward a more breastfeeding-friendly world," shared Sascha Mayer and Christine Dodson, Cofounders of Mamava. "The Champlain Centre installation is a testament to what's possible when businesses and public health organizations come together to prioritize lactation support. We're proud to be part of this important step for our neighbors across the lake in the Platts burgh community."

This grand opening is free to attend. We invite families, community members, and local organizations to join us in celebrating this vital addition to the mall. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the new Mamava pod. Representatives from Mamava and Champlain Centre will be on hand to answer questions.

If you are interested in making your worksite or community space more breastfeeding, chestfeeding and lactation friendly please contact Health Planning and Promotion at 518-565-4993. To learn more about Champlain Centre, visit: champlaincentre.com. For more information about Mamava, visit mamava.com.

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