

## LIP SERVICE, in Service of the STATE

THEY hired me to work 40 hours a week on breastfeeding.  
I did, and used the time wisely.  
THEY called me a Fanatic.

THEY said, "Write us a Plan."  
I wrote a Plan that was realistic and workable.  
THEY said "We don't like that one. Try again."

THEY said, "Tell us how to increase breastfeeding to 75%."  
I said, "Work on reducing artificial feeding to 25%."  
THEY called me a Zealot.

THEY said, "You haven't proved that Breast is really Best."  
I asked, "Then why are we Promoting it?"  
THEY called me Radical.

THEY said, "We want to know what others say about breastfeeding."  
I quoted the American Academy of Pediatrics.  
THEY called me Dogmatic.

THEY said, "We want mothers to make a good choice."  
I said, "They need to know the risks of formula."  
THEY said I'd cause too much Guilt.

THEY said, "We want mothers to keep breastfeeding."  
I said, "Stop interfering with them."  
THEY said I Didn't Understand.

THEY asked me to analyze their clinics.  
I said, "Your staff needs training."  
THEY called me Confrontative.

THEY said they wanted me to provide Training.  
I asked, "WHEN do we start?"  
THEY called me Overzealous.

THEY sent me to set up a county-wide program.  
I went, and it was successful.  
THEY called me Subversive.

THEY told me they wanted to edit my proposals.  
I used their words, intact and in context.  
THEY called me Extreme.

THEY said they wanted a Breastfeeding Advocate.  
I quoted research and mothers.  
THEY called me Biased.

THEY Think that Lip Service is Enough.  
I Know that Breastfeeding really Matters.  
BABIES are the Real ZEALOTS!