



Dr. Miriam Labbok (right) discusses CGBI's work with alumna Korede Adegoke, MPH.



## *W.K. Kellogg Foundation awards funding to CGBI*

The Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute (CGBI) has received a three-year, \$900,000 grant from The W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The funding supports CGBI to translate action-oriented research and program theory into practice and develop an environment in which more women can decide to breastfeed and achieve their breastfeeding goals.

The Institute, based in the School's Department of Maternal and Child Health, carries out innovative efforts to improve breastfeeding support for underserved populations in North Carolina and beyond.

"Breastfeeding can reduce the four major preventable killers of infants – pneumonias, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), infections and major causes of deaths in premature infants – as well as reducing obesity, diabetes, cancers and ear infections," says Miriam Labbok, MD, MPH, who is CGBI director and Professor of the Practice in maternal and child health. "This support will help address the current shameful disparities in these diseases created by inequities in breastfeeding success."

"The Kellogg Foundation is pleased to support and partner with CGBI in this work because we believe that breast milk is the optimal first food to give to all children a healthy start so that they can thrive in school, work and life," said Diana N. Derige, program officer at the foundation.

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