Additional file 5:

Group comparison of baseline characteristics between participants who retained in the study and those who were lost to follow-up, and between the control and intervention group within the group of participants lost to follow-up.

Variable	Follow-up vs. Lost to follow-up		Lost to follow-up; Control vs. Intervention group	
	Completed	Did not	Control	Intervention
	12 months	complete 12	group	group
	Q	months Q		
	N=455	N=260	N=138	N=122
Mother				
Age (years)	30.8 ± 4.2	29.8 ± 4.4*	29.7 ± 4.3	30.0 ± 4.6
Norwegian as native language	93.0 (423)	91.5 (238)	92.8 (128)	90.2 (110)
First-time mother (for infant	58.5 (266)	54.2 (141)	55.1 (76)	53.3 (65)
participating in the survey)	, ,	, ,	Ì	
Marital status				
Married	40.7 (185)	37.7 (98)	36.2 (50)	39.3 (48)
Cohabitant	56.9 (259)	60.8 (158)	61.6 (85)	59.8 (73)
Not married/cohabitant	2.4 (11)	1.5 (4)	2.2 (3)	0.8 (1)
Education (College/university	84.2 (378)	76.9 (200)**	74.6 (103)	79.5 (97)
degree)	, ,	, ,	, ,	
Main activity (before pregnancy)				
Working fulltime	81.6	78.8 (204)	78.8 (108)	78.7 (96)
	(368)			
Working part time	6.0 (27)	8.1 (21)	9.5 (13)	6.6 (8)
Student	6.9 (31)	8.1 (21)	5.1 (7)	11.5 (14)
Not working	5.5 (25)	5.0 (13)	6.6 (9)	3.3 (4)
BMI (kg/m ²)	24.9 ± 4.4	24.9 ± 4.2	24.5 ± 4.4	25.3 ± 4.0
Smoking	4.0 (18)	3.5 (9)	2.2 (3)	4.9 (6)
Use of snus	4.8 (22)	6.5 (17)	5.1 (7)	8.2 (10)
Infant				
Gender (female)	49.5 (225)	48.8 (127)	47.8 (66)	50.0 (61)
Gestational age>38 weeks	91.9 (418)	88.1 (229)	84.8 (117)	91.8 (112)
Birth weight (g)	3589 ± 492	3566 ± 492	3522 ± 490	3616 ± 493
Exclusive breastfed first month	66.8 (304)	68.1 (177)	71.0 (98)	64.8 (79)
Introduced to solid food before four months of age	5.1 (23)	4.2 (11)	2.2 (3)	6.6 (8)

^{*} p=0.008, **p=0.016