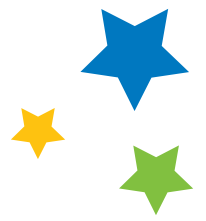


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Breastfeeding-Friendly Environment

Sample Policy 1

What to include

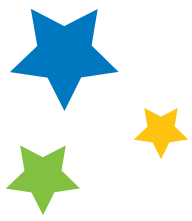
This policy includes 3 out of the 7 components in the breastfeeding-friendly environment standard. It is an example of what it looks like to tailor a policy to a facility's current practices and needs. It can serve as a stand-alone policy, or one that is incorporated into a facility's existing handbook, parent manual, or statement of services. This policy reflects your center's acknowledgment of all the standards and components and the commitment to working on the ones listed below. You can build on this policy in the future when you have met the goal of these components.

Suggested Language 1

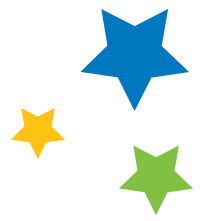
We at (**Name of child care facility**) are committed to providing ongoing support to breastfeeding mothers including mothers with Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs or disabilities. Research has documented a multitude of health benefits to both the mother and infant when the infant is breastfed. We promote a breastfeeding-friendly environment by following the guidelines below. This policy is for an 8-hour per day facility and is specific to each age group.

What you will see in our center

- ★ Breastfeeding mothers and mothers with disabilities or Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs are provided a private and clean place to breastfeed or express their milk.
- ★ A refrigerator or designated space within a refrigerator and/or freezer is made available for the storage of expressed breast milk.
- ★ A written feeding plan is used to support families of any child receiving breast milk



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Sample Policy 2

What to include

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Suggested Language 2

We at **(Name of child care facility)** are committed to providing ongoing support to breastfeeding mothers and will respect and encourage a mother's decision to continue to breastfeed her child. In keeping with this philosophy, our facility will follow the guidelines below. This policy is for an 8-hour per day facility and is specific to each age group.

What you will see in our center

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