Supporting breastfeeding right from the start!

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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Whether you breastfed or not doesn’t affect your ability to support moms.

Support is not about the choices we made, but about providing our families with an environment that supports the infant feeding decision they have (will) made for their infant/child and family.
Benefits to Breastfeeding: Baby

- Exclusive breastfeeding at least 4 months had protective effect for 2.5 years
- Among infants of employed mothers who were never sick during the first year, 86% were breastfed (Cohen 1994)
- Reduces risk of infection and stomach problems
  - Being in a child care setting doubles odds of needing antibiotics by age 1.5-5 years (Dubois 2005)
- Reduces risk of allergic reactions and asthma
  - Infants in child care centers are at 69% increased risk of hospitalization for respiratory infection (Kamper 2006)
MORE BENEFITS TO BREASTFEEDING: BABY

- Reduces risk of SIDS
- Reduces risk of childhood leukemia
- Reduces risk of obesity and diabetes
- Transmits mother’s immunities to baby
- Provides baby with most easily digested food
- May give a higher I.Q –especially preemies
Benefits to Breastfeeding: Mom

- Saves money in formula and healthcare costs
- Provides a special bond between mom and baby
- Burns up to 600 calories a day
- Releases hormones that relax mom
- Uses a natural resource
- Makes traveling easier
- Makes diapers less stinky
- Protects mom against cancer and diabetes
Benefits to Breastfeeding: Childcare Centers

- Infants are more resistant to illness
- Diapers have less odor
- Baby is happier
- Breastfed baby spits up less
MORE BENEFITS TO BREASTFEEDING: CHILDCARE CENTERS

If your center participates in the Child and Adult Care Feeding Program...

Breastmilk is a reimbursable component of the infant meal pattern

For children over 12 months – breastmilk is a substitute for cow’s milk in the meal pattern for children and the meal is reimbursable.
Benefits to breastfeeding: society

- Breastfed children are healthier, which makes for a more productive workplace in the future
- Decreased tax dollars spent to subsidize dairy farming, free formula, and health care programs
- Potential for reduced health insurance premiums
- Decreased social costs of morbidity and mortality
- Reduced waste of natural resources and water, and decreased garbage and pollution
EMPOWER POLICY

STANDARD #3

1. Provide breastfeeding mothers a place to breastfeed or express their milk.
2. Provide a refrigerator for storage of breast milk.
3. Reassure nursing mothers that they are welcome by displaying breastfeeding promotion information.
4. Information on breastfeeding will be available to families at least once a year.
#1
Provide breastfeeding mothers a place to breastfeed or express their milk.
ACCEPTABLE?
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– Electrical Outlet
– Comfortable Chair
– Running Water (nearby)

Not

– Bathroom
Provide a refrigerator for storage of breast milk.
According to OSHA’s and CDC’s definitions, breast milk is classified as “food” and does not require universal precautions for handling body fluids.
UNBREAKABLE CONTAINER
• Must have
  – Infant’s full name (first and last)
  – the date it was brought to the center (Use the oldest milk first)
Ask the mother to store in these amounts:

- Two (2) to Four (4) ounces/Six (6) week old.
- Four (4) to Six (6) ounces/Three (3) month old.
- Five (5) to Eight (8) ounces/Six (6) month old and beyond
How Often?

Plan for 3-4 ounces every three hours that they are in care until everyone gets comfortable.
#3

Reassure nursing mothers that they are welcome by displaying breastfeeding promotion information.
Welcome to our breastfeeding friendly facility

Feel free to breastfeed anywhere you wish

If you would like a more private place, please let us know. We are happy to help.
Information on breastfeeding will be available to families at least once a year.
Information Options

- Topics
  - Benefits
    - Mom
    - Baby
  - Pumping
  - Tips for returning to work

- Modes
  - Posters
  - Bulletin Boards
  - Books
  - Websites
  - Pamphlets
HANDLING OF HUMAN MILK
BREASTMILK = FOOD

You do not need to wear gloves to give a bottle of human milk to a baby.

You do not contaminate human milk by touch. Touching human milk is not hazardous exposure nor a potential contaminant.
Storing Liquid Gold

- There are different sets of recommendations from different organizations.
- As a childcare center you should be using guidelines from AAP and CDC.
- Mom may be following a different set of guidelines.
- Working with mom regarding storage of breastmilk will avoid problems.
### Storage Guidelines for Term Healthy Infants

**Arizona Department of Health Services Breastmilk Storage Guidelines**

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Temperature</th>
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<td>Countertop, table</td>
<td>Room temperature (up to 77°F or 25°C)</td>
<td>6–8 hours</td>
<td>Containers should be covered and kept as cool as possible; covering the container with a cool towel may keep milk cooler.</td>
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<td>Insulated cooler bag</td>
<td>5-39°F or -15-4°C</td>
<td>24 hours</td>
<td>Keep ice packs in contact with milk containers at all times, limit opening cooler bag.</td>
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<td>Refrigerator</td>
<td>39°F or 4°C</td>
<td>5 days</td>
<td>Store milk in the back of the main body of the refrigerator.</td>
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<td>Freezer compartment of a refrigerator</td>
<td>5°F or -15°C</td>
<td>2 weeks</td>
<td>Store milk toward the back of the freezer, where temperature is most constant. Milk stored for longer durations in the ranges listed is safe, but some of the lipids in the milk undergo degradation resulting in lower quality.</td>
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<td>Freezer compartment of refrigerator with separate doors</td>
<td>0°F or -18°C</td>
<td>3–6 months</td>
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<td>-4°F or -20°C</td>
<td>6–12 months</td>
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Source: American Academy of Pediatrics
WARMING/THAWING

• Place in warm water. Babies can drink cold milk.
• Shake gently to mix.
• Do not boil or microwave.
• After human milk is thawed, discard unused portion after 24 hours.
• What mom eats may color the milk.
• Milk can pick up certain scents - onions, garlic, mint.
• Milk may smell “soapy” but is still good.
• Milk can get freezer burn.
HELPFUL HINTS

• Keep 1 bottle of frozen milk in the freezer for emergencies.
• Keep track of the number of ounces of breastmilk baby ate.
• Discuss with mom ahead of time how to handle times when baby is hungry at the end of the day.
• Mom may be ready or want to feed her baby as soon as she arrives at the center.
• Important: Some babies prefer to wait for their mother’s return and not eat much at the childcare center.
The transition back to work can be a difficult time for moms and babies and she may feel that she is unable to pump enough or continue pumping. Praise her efforts and encourage her to talk to a breastfeeding professional.

- When baby is teething
- When mom needs to take medications
- When baby is having a “growth spurt”
- When pumping isn’t going well
- When mom thinks her supply is declining
BREASTFEEDING QUESTIONS?

Arizona Department of Health Services Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Hotline
1-800-833-4642

(24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Multilingual)