

## **Self-Assessment Questionnaire**

X Please mark the box that describes your current practice.

		Making progress	Planning	Not planning
NUTRITION: Feeding Practices	Already doing	in doing	to do	to do
1. Parents receive written nutrition policies upon enrollment.				
2. Parents are informed about what their children are eating.				
3. If food is brought from home, parents are provided with guidelines.				
4. Menus are posted for parents to see.				
5. Meals and snacks are scheduled at regular times.				
6. Portion sizes are age appropriate.				
7. Mealtimes are relaxed, calm and with shared conversation.				
8. Children decide which foods they will eat from the foods offered.				
9. Children are not required to eat all the food on their plates.				
10. Children serve themselves from serving dishes at mealtime.				
11. Children with special needs have their nutrition needs taken into account.				
12. Food is served in a form that young children can eat with minimum assistance and without choking.				
13. Adults sit with children at mealtime.				
14. Adults eat the same foods as children at mealtime.				
15. Foods are served that reflect the ethnicity and cultures of all children in the center/home.				
16. Special occasions and holidays are celebrated with mostly healthy foods or with non-food treats.				
17. Parents are provided a supportive breastfeeding environment.				
18. Water is freely available both indoors and outdoors.				

NUTRITION: Food Served				
19. 100% fruit juice is offered:	🗆 1 time per day	□ 2 times per day	□ 3–4 times per day	□ Never
20. Chicken nuggets, fish sticks, hot dogs, corn dogs, bologna or other lunch meat, sausage or bacon are offered:	□ 1 time per week	□ 2 times per week	□ 3 or more times per week	□ Never
21. Whole grain bread, oatmeal, whole grain cereal, brown rice, whole wheat tortillas, corn tortillas or other whole grains are offered:	□ 1 time per day	□ 2 times per day	□ 3 times per day	□ Never
22. Vegetables including fresh, frozen or canned, are served:	□ 1 time per day	□ 2 times per day	□ 3 times per day	□ Never
23. Fruit, including fresh, canned in water or own juice, frozen or dried is served:	🗆 1 time per day	□ 2 times per day	□ 3 times per day	□ Never
24. Milk served to children ages 2 years and older is:	□ whole or regular	□ 2% reduced fat	□ 1% reduced fat	□ skim or non-fat
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	Already doing	Making progress in doing	Planning to do	Not planning to do
25. Parents receive written physical activity policy upon enrollment.				
26. Daily play and planned movement experiences both indoors and outdoors are provided to children.				
27. Information is provided to parents about their children's physical activity choices while in child care.				
28. Staff participate in physical activities with children.				
29. Restriction of play time is not used as a disciplinary tool.				
30. Activities, equipment and outside play areas are developmentally appropriate and safe.				
31. Media time for children is used only for educational purposes.				
STAFF AND PARENT TRAINING	Already doing	Making progress in doing	Planning to do	Not planning to do
32. Training opportunities are provided for staff on physical activity for children.				
33. Training opportunities are provided for staff on child nutrition.				
34. Parents are provided information that encourages physical activity at home.				
35. Parents are provided information on child nutrition and healthy eating.				



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