




CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM MEAL PATTERN FOR INFANTS

	BIRTH THROUGH THREE MONTHS	AGES FOUR THROUGH SEVEN MONTHS	AGES EIGHT THROUGH ELEVEN MONTHS
BREAKFAST	4 TO 6 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4}	4 TO 8 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4} 0 TO 3 TBSP INFANT CEREAL ^{4,5}	6 TO 8 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4} 2 TO 4 TBSP INFANT CEREAL ⁴ 1 TO 4 TBSP FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE
LUNCH OR SUPPER	4 TO 6 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4} 	4 TO 8 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4} 0 TO 3 TBSP INFANT CEREAL ^{4,5} 0 TO 3 TBSP FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE ⁵	6 TO 8 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4} 2 TO 4 TBSP INFANT CEREAL ⁴ AND/OR 1 TO 4 TBSP LEAN MEAT, FISH, POULTRY, EGG YOLK, COOKED DRY BEANS OR PEAS OR CHEESE OR (VOLUME) COTTAGE CHEESE OR (WEIGHT) CHEESE FOOD OR CHEESE SPREAD 1 TO 4 TBSP FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE
SNACK	4 TO 6 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4}	4 TO 6 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} OR FORMULA ^{1,4}	2 TO 4 FL OZ BREAST MILK ^{1,2,3} FORMULA ^{1,4} OR FRUIT JUICE ⁶ 0 TO ½ SLICE BREAD ^{5,7} OR 0 TO 2 CRACKERS ^{5,7}

- ¹ BREAST MILK OR FORMULA, OR PORTIONS OF BOTH, MAY BE SERVED; HOWEVER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BREAST MILK BE SERVED IN PLACE OF FORMULA FROM BIRTH THROUGH 11 MONTHS.
- ² FOR SOME BREASTFED INFANTS WHO REGULARLY CONSUME LESS THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF BREAST MILK PER FEEDING, A SERVING OF LESS THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF BREAST MILK MAY BE OFFERED, WITH ADDITIONAL BREAST MILK OFFERED IF THE INFANT IS STILL HUNGRY.
- ³ ONLY THE INFANT'S MOTHER CAN PROVIDE BREAST MILK.
- ⁴ INFANT FORMULA AND DRY INFANT CEREAL MUST BE IRON FORTIFIED.
- ⁵ A SERVING OF THIS COMPONENT IS REQUIRED ONLY WHEN THE INFANT IS DEVELOPMENTALLY READY TO ACCEPT IT.
- ⁶ FRUIT JUICE MUST BE FULL STRENGTH (100% JUICE) AND OFFERED FROM A CUP, NOT A BOTTLE, TO PREVENT TOOTH DECAY.
- ⁷ MUST BE MADE FROM WHOLE GRAIN OR ENRICHED MEAL OR FLOUR.

Notes:

Juice (full-strength) is an optional item and should not be offered to infants until they are ready to drink from a cup. Juice may not be substituted for formula at snack time for infants under 8 months old.



Iron-fortified dry infant cereal. Must be served at breakfast to infants 8-12 months of age (no exceptions). Cannot be substituted for any other type of cereal.

If the **parent** supplies formula and declines the provider's formula, then the provider can claim the infant, if the parent signs the "Decline Providers Formula Form".

All foods are to be of texture and appropriate consistency for the age group. The food may be served during a time span consistent with the infant's eating habits.



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BREAKFAST	AGES ONE THROUGH TWO YEARS	AGES THREE THROUGH FIVE YEARS	AGES SIX THROUGH TWELVE YEARS
MILK, FLUID	1/2 CUP	3/4 CUP	1 CUP
VEGETABLE, FRUIT, OR FULL-STRENGTH (100%) JUICE	1/4 CUP	1/2 CUP	1/2 CUP
GRAINS/BREADS (WHOLE GRAIN OR ENRICHED): BREAD OR ROLLS, MUFFINS, ETC. OR COLD DRY CEREAL (VOLUME OR WEIGHT, WHICHEVER IS LESS) OR COOKED CEREAL, PASTA, NOODLE PRODUCTS, OR CEREAL GRAINS	1/2 SLICE 1/2 SERVING 1/4 CUP OR 1/3 OZ 1/4 CUP	1/2 SLICE 1/2 SERVING 1/3 CUP OR 1/2 OZ 1/4 CUP	1 SLICE 1 SERVING 3/4 CUP OR 1 OZ 1/2 CUP
LUNCH OR SUPPER			
MILK, FLUID	1/2 CUP	3/4 CUP	1 CUP
VEGETABLE AND/OR FRUIT (TWO OR MORE KINDS)	1/4 CUP TOTAL	1/2 CUP TOTAL	3/4 CUP TOTAL
GRAINS/BREAD (WHOLE GRAIN OR ENRICHED): BREAD OR ROLLS, MUFFINS, ETC. OR COOKED PASTA, NOODLE PRODUCTS, OR CEREAL GRAINS	1/2 SLICE 1/2 SERVING 1/4 CUP	1/2 SLICE 1/2 SERVING 1/4 CUP	1 SLICE 1 SERVING 1/2 CUP
MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATES LEAN MEAT, FISH, OR POULTRY (EDIBLE PORTION AS SERVED) OR CHEESE (NATURAL OR PROCESSED) OR COTTAGE CHEESE, CHEESE FOOD/CHEESE SPREAD SUBSTITUTE OR EGG (LARGE) OR COOKED DRIED BEANS OR DRIED PEAS * OR PEANUT BUTTER, REDUCED-FAT PEANUT BUTTER, SOY NUT BUTTER, OR OTHER NUT OR SEED BUTTERS OR PEANUTS, SOY NUTS, TREE NUTS, ROASTED PEAS, OR SEEDS** OR YOGURT, PLAIN OR FLAVORED, UNSWEETENED OR SWEETENED OR AN EQUIVALENT QUANTITY OF ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATES	 1 OZ 1 OZ 1/4 CUP OR 2 OZ 1/2 EGG 1/4 CUP 2 TBSP 1/2 OZ** 1/2 CUP OR 4 OZ	1 1/2 OZ 1 1/2 OZ 3/8 CUP OR 3 OZ 3/4 EGG 3/8 CUP 3 TBSP 3/4 OZ** 3/4 CUP OR 6 OZ	2 OZ 2 OZ 1/2 CUP OR 4 OZ 1 EGG 1/2 CUP 4 TBSP 1 OZ** 1 CUP OR 8 OZ
SNACKS (SELECT TWO OF THESE FOUR COMPONENTS)***			
MILK, FLUID	1/2 CUP	1/2 CUP	1 CUP
VEGETABLE, FRUIT, OR FULL-STRENGTH (100%) JUICE	1/2 CUP	1/2 CUP	3/4 CUP
GRAINS OR BREADS (WHOLE GRAIN OR ENRICHED): BREAD OR ROLLS, MUFFINS, ETC. OR COLD DRY CEREAL (VOLUME OR WEIGHT, WHICHEVER IS LESS) OR COOKED CEREAL, PASTA, NOODLE PRODUCTS, OR CEREAL GRAINS	1/2 SLICE 1/2 SERVING 1/4 CUP OR 1/3 OZ 1/4 CUP	1/2 SLICE 1/2 SERVING 1/3 CUP OR 1/2 OZ 1/4 CUP	1 SLICE 1 SERVING 3/4 CUP OR 1 OZ 1/2 CUP
MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATES LEAN MEAT, FISH, OR POULTRY (EDIBLE PORTION AS SERVED) OR CHEESE (NATURAL OR PROCESSED) OR COTTAGE CHEESE, CHEESE FOOD/CHEESE SPREAD SUBSTITUTE OR EGG (LARGE) OR YOGURT, PLAIN OR FLAVORED, UNSWEETENED OR SWEETENED**** OR COOKED DRIED BEANS OR DRIED PEAS* OR PEANUT BUTTER, REDUCED-FAT PEANUT BUTTER, SOY NUT BUTTER, OR OTHER NUT OR SEED BUTTERS OR PEANUTS, SOY NUTS, TREE NUTS, ROASTED PEAS, OR SEEDS OR AN EQUIVALENT QUANTITY OF ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATES	 1/2 OZ 1/2 OZ 1/8 CUP OR 1 OZ 1/2 EGG 1/4 CUP 1/8 CUP 1 TBSP 1/2 OZ	1/2 OZ 1/2 OZ 1/8 CUP OR 1 OZ 1/2 EGG 1/4 CUP 1/8 CUP 1 TBSP 1/2 OZ	1 OZ 1 OZ 1/4 CUP OR 2 OZ 1/2 EGG 1/2 CUP 1/4 CUP 2 TBSP 1 OZ

* DRIED BEANS OR DRIED PEAS MAY BE USED AS A MEAT ALTERNATE OR AS A VEGETABLE COMPONENT; BUT **CANNOT** BE COUNTED AS BOTH COMPONENTS IN THE SAME MEAL.

** NO MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE REQUIREMENT SHALL BE MET WITH NUTS OR SEEDS. NUTS OR SEEDS SHALL BE COMBINED WITH ANOTHER MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATE TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT. TO DETERMINE COMBINATIONS, 1 OZ. OF NUTS OR SEEDS IS EQUAL TO 1 OZ OF COOKED LEAN MEAT, POULTRY, OR FISH. ROASTED PEAS CAN COUNT AS A MEAT ALTERNATE OR VEGETABLE COMPONENT, BUT CANNOT BE COUNTED AS BOTH IN THE SAME MEAL.

*** JUICE **CANNOT** BE SERVED WHEN MILK IS SERVED AS THE ONLY OTHER COMPONENT.

**** IF YOGURT IS USED AS THE MEAT COMPONENT IN SNACKS, MILK **CANNOT** BE USED TO SATISFY THE SECOND COMPONENT REQUIREMENT. COMMERCIALY ADDED FRUIT OR NUTS IN FLAVORED YOGURT **CANNOT** BE USED TO SATISFY THE SECOND COMPONENT REQUIREMENT IN SNACKS.