



Breastfeeding Friendly Policy, System and Environmental Change Examples in the Columbus Community

Community Development for All People (CD4AP)

Policy: CD4AP will provide an environment that supports breastfeeding mothers. Breastfeeding is welcomed and encouraged in our programs and facility. We will provide a private place for mothers to express breast milk or breastfeed their babies. The area will have an electrical outlet, comfortable chair and nearby access to running water.

Procedure:

1. During week day programming, the first floor children's room will be designated as a breast feeding space. The room will remain locked when not in use and any staff person will unlock the door when mothers request it.
2. Signs indicating support for breastfeeding will be posted in the Free Store area. Breastfeeding mothers will be invited to access the private space with their babies

Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Family Safety and Healing: Space has been designated for nursing mothers to support and encourage breastfeeding.

State and Federal Laws Supporting Breastfeeding: Ohio Revised Code 3781.55, "A mother is entitled to breast-feed her baby in any location of a place of public accommodation wherein the mother otherwise is permitted." <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3781.55>

Place of "public accommodation" means any inn, restaurant, eating house, barbershop, public conveyance by air, land, or water, theater, store, other place for the sale of merchandise, or any other place of public accommodation or amusement of which the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges are available to the public. Effective Date: 09-16-2005

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: 2010 act, which require employers with 50 or more employees to provide the time and a clean place, not the bathroom, to express breast milk. All Ohio employers even those with fewer than 50 employees should be encouraged to become "family friendly" by offering women the flexibility and facilities to express breast milk while at work.



More Policy, System and Environmental Changes That Support Breastfeeding

- Breastfeeding mothers shall be provided a private and sanitary place to breastfeed their babies or express milk. The area will have an electrical outlet, comfortable chair, and nearby access to running water.
- The facility is committed to providing ongoing support for breastfeeding mothers, including providing an opportunity to breastfeed their baby at any time they are in the facility.
- We welcome and encourage breastfeeding mothers. We will provide a private and sanitary place for mother's to express milk or breastfeed their babies. The area will have an electrical outlet, comfortable chair, and nearby access to running water.
- Breastfeeding is welcomed and encouraged in our programs and facilities. To increase awareness of the importance of breastfeeding, we will include the "Breastfeeding Welcome Here" logo on all parent meeting materials. We also provide a private and sanitary place for mothers to express milk. The area will have an electrical outlet, comfortable chair, and nearby access to running water.
- We provide visible support for breastfeeding through the use of posters, pictures, and books displayed common areas