

Menu Planning Worksheet for Children
For each day of the week, write down the menus for the meal served.

Name of Child Care Facility: _____ ✓ Menu Planning Age Group(s): 1 & 2 3 - 5 6 - 18 Week of _____ 20____
 Type(s) of milk offered: **One year olds:** unflavored whole **Two through five:** unflavored fat-free unflavored 1% **Six and older:** unflavored fat-free unflavored 1%
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	Child meal pattern food components:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	Milk: Ages 1-2: four oz.; 3-5: six oz.; 6-18: eight oz.	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	Vegetable/Fruit/Juice: Ages 1-2: ¼ c; 3-5: ½ c; 6-18: ½ c	Apple Slices (C)	Strawberries (C)	Pineapple (C)	Peaches (C)	Pears (C)
	Grains: Ages 1-2: ½ oz equivalent; 3-5: ½ oz equivalent 6-18: 1 oz equivalent	WG Waffles	WG Cereal	Cream of Wheat	English Muffin w/ Jam	WG Cereal
	Meat/Meat Alternate (optional)					
LUNCH/SUPPER	Milk: Ages 1-2: four oz.; 3-5: six oz.; 6-18: eight oz.	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	Meat/Meat Alternate: Ages 1-2: 1 oz.; 3-5: 1 ½ oz.; 6-18: 2 oz.	Chicken & Veg Stir Fry	Ground Meat Sloppy Joe	All Meat Frank	Mac & Cheese w/ ham	Chicken & cheese
	Vegetable: Ages 1-2: ¼ c; 3-5: ¼ c; 6-18: ½ c	Mixed Vegetables	Baked Fries	Baked Beans	Sweet Peas	Garden Salad
	Fruit or Vegetable: Ages 1-2: ¼ c; 3-5: ¼ c; 6-18: ¼ c	Mixed Fruit	Apple Sauce	Pears	Pineapple	Peaches
	Grains: Ages 1-2: ½ oz equivalent; 3-5: ½ oz equivalent 6-18: 1 oz equivalent	Rice	WG Bun	Dinner Roll	Elbow Pasta	WG Bun
SNACK	Select 2	Watermelon Chunks	Orange Slices	Hummus Dip	Queso blanco (commercial, pasteurized)	Yogurt
	Milk: Ages 1-2: four oz.; 3-5: four oz.; 6-18: eight oz.					
	Meat/Meat Alternate: Ages 1-2: ½ oz.; 3-5: ½ oz.; 6-18: 1 oz.	Animal Crackers	WG Crackers	WG Original Sun Chips	WG Tortilla Chips	Graham Crackers
	Vegetable: Ages 1-2: ½ c; 3-5: ½ c; 6-18: ¾ c					
	Fruit: Ages 1-2: ½ c; 3-5: ½ c; 6-18: ¾ c					
Grains: Ages 1-2: ½ oz equivalent; 3-5: ½ oz equivalent 6-18: 1 oz equivalent						

The daily 100% whole grain or whole grain-rich serving must be noted on the menu (e.g. “WG bread” or “whole grain-rich crackers).

Refer to Meal Pattern for Children for serving sizes when planning menus.

MENUS MUST BE POSTED AND MAINTAINED ON FILE!