

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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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	Child meal pattern food components:					
	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	Pears (C)	Banana Slices (C)	Peaches (C)	Orange Slices (C)	Strawberries (C)
	Grains: Ages 1-2: ½ oz equivalent; 3-5: ½ oz equivalent 6-18: 1 oz equivalent	English Muffin	Pancakes	French Toast	WG Cereal	Croissant
	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.	Ham w/Mac & Cheese	Meat Patty w/ Gravy	Taco meat	All Meat Franks	Chicken
	Vegetable: Ages 1-2: ¼ c; 3-5: ½ c; 6-18: ½ c	Green Beans	Potato Wedges	Corn	Baked Beans	Mixed Vegetables
	Fruit or Vegetable: Ages 1-2: ¼ c; 3-5: ¼ c; 6-18: ¼ c	Mandarin Oranges	Broccoli	Lettuce & tomato	Pears	Apricots
	Grains: Ages 1-2: ½ oz equivalent; 3-5: ½ oz equivalent 6-18: 1 oz equivalent	WG Pasta	WG Roll	WG Taco Shell	WG Roll	WG Bread
SNACK	Select 2	Apple Slices	Plain Sun Chips 100% WG	Melon Chunks	Yogurt	Apple Wedges
	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.					
	Vegetable: Ages 1-2: ½ c; 3-5: ½ c; 6-18: ¾ c	WG Crackers	Seasonal Fruit	WG Crackers	Peaches	Cubed Cheese
	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!