



Frequently Asked Questions

Below are questions that have been frequently asked. Certainly, there are more that you might have so please contact us!

Does my program need to meet all the criteria?

Yes, all criteria need to be met but if there is an area within the criteria that you do not feel you have met, we can provide technical assistance to you to reach the "met" status.

Is it required to submit pictures of the breastfeeding space for Criteria #1?

Yes. Since we are unable to visit programs, we need you to show us through pictures what type of space is available to breastfeeding families. These pictures can be submitted electronically or printed and submitted with the application.

What needs to be included in the short narrative for Criteria #1?

Include information on how your space is culturally appropriate for breastfeeding: where your posters are located, where your brochures are located, what books and materials you have available that demonstrate a supportive breastfeeding environment.

My program does not have any books, materials, brochures, how can these be obtained?

We have resources that can assist you with this, so you have them available in your program. A stipend is also available, on a limited basis, to assist you with purchasing materials that will strengthen your support for breastfeeding.

What types of resources need to be submitted for Criteria #3?

Submit resources that you provide families at the time they visit or enroll in your program. These resources include:

- A list of community resources available to breastfeeding families.
- The benefits of breastfeeding. (These materials cannot be produced by infant formula companies.)
- The ways in which your program supports breastfeeding.
- How your program assists the families in transitioning the child to bottle or cup feeding of breastmilk.

Which staff members need to complete the supporting breastfeeding training?

All staff including substitutes that care for children 0-3 and program directors need to complete the course *"How to Support the Breastfeeding Mother & Family"*. This course is available only through the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, Child Care Aware® of Kansas or Cape. This training cannot be provided by the center director or other staff.

I do not employee any staff. Do I need to meet Criteria #5?

No. If you do not employee staff, you do not have to meet Criteria #5.

I do not have any breastfeeding families in my care.

As we know, families change in our programs. You may not care for a breastfeeding family at this time but as the support for breastfeeding grows in communities, you may have a potential family in the future that is looking for a program that supports breastfeeding. Why not be ready now to meet their needs.

I do not have the space to accommodate breastfeeding in my program.

All that is required for you is to provide a clean, quiet, comfortable space other than a bathroom for mothers to either feed their babies or express milk. There are many ways to make this work for the mother without having a separate space. We can strategize with you to make something work!

I do not have the time to complete the application.

This is an understandable statement to make in the fast-paced profession we are in but with our help and your commitment to supporting breastfeeding families, we can help you work through the barriers of completing the application!

What breastfeeding resources are available?

The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition has resources specific to early childhood programs.
[Breastfeeding in Child Care in Kansas | Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition](#)

Who do I need to contact for technical assistance? Resources? Questions?

We are here to help!!!! Please reach us by calling 855 750 3343 or emailing
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