



EARLY HEAD START

NUTRITION ASSESSMENT FOR INFANTS (BIRTH TO 11 MONTHS)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions to the best of your ability based on your baby's eating pattern and place a check mark in the box  and/or write-in your answer.

CAREGIVER

1. How would you describe your baby's appetite?  Good  Fair  Poor
2. Have you noticed any recent changes in your baby's appetite? .....  Yes  No  
If yes, list changes: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does your child have any allergies to certain foods? .....  Yes  No  
If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_ (Staff forward this information to the Health Manager/kitchen staff)
4. Has the doctor ever told you that your baby has any medical conditions or illnesses? .....  Yes  No  
If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_
5. When was the last time your baby went to the doctor? Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  Don't know
6. How would you describe feeding time with your baby? Check all that apply.  
 Always pleasant  Usually pleasant  Sometimes pleasant  Never pleasant
7. What types of things can your baby do? Check all that apply.  
 Open mouth for breast or bottle  Drink liquids  Sit with support  Bring objects to mouth and bite them  
 Follow objects and sounds with eyes  Put hand on mouth  Drink from a cup that is held  
 Hold bottle without support
8. How many wet diapers does your baby have in 24 hours? \_\_\_\_\_ wet/24 hours
9. How many dirty diapers does your baby have in 24 hours? \_\_\_\_\_ dirty/24 hours

PRIMARY FEEDING

10. What type of milk do you feed your baby? Check all that apply.  
 Breast milk  Iron-fortified formula  Low-Iron formula  Cow's milk (fat free/skim; 1%, 2%, whole)  
 Rice or soy beverage  Powdered milk  Evaporated milk  Sweetened condensed milk  
 Goat's milk  Don't know  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you currently breastfeeding your baby?  Yes  No
12. Did you ever breastfeed your baby? .....  Yes  No  
If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_
13. How do you know when your baby is hungry? Check all that apply.  
 Cries  Small fussing sounds  Sucking on hands or lips  Turns head towards nipple or bottle  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
14. How do you know when your baby is full? Check all that apply.  
 Closes mouth  Turns head away from nipple or bottle  Pushes nipple out of mouth  
 Shows interest in other things in the room  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

BREASTFEEDING

(Complete this section only if fully or partially breastfeeding)

15. How is breastfeeding going?

Good; I have the help I need.  OK; I have some questions.  Not so good; I need help.

16. How many times do you nurse, express or pump in 24 hours?

Nurse \_\_\_\_\_ times/24 hours      Express \_\_\_\_\_ times/24 hours      Pump \_\_\_\_\_ times/24 hours

17. Have you ever experienced sore nipples? .....  Yes  No

18. Can you hear your baby swallowing during feedings? .....  Yes  No

**HANDLING EXPRESSED OR PUMPED BREAST MILK**

19. How do you store your expressed breast milk?  Freezer  Refrigerator  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

20. How long do you keep it in the refrigerator before you throw it away? \_\_\_\_\_ hours or days (circle one)

21. What do you do with breast milk left in the bottle?

Leave it out to feed later  Put it back into refrigerator for later  Throw it away  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORMULA (Complete only if baby is taking formula)**

22. What kind of formula is your baby taking? Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Powder  Liquid concentrate

Ready to feed

23. How many ounces of formula does your baby take at a feeding? \_\_\_\_\_ ounces per feeding

And, how many feedings per day? \_\_\_\_\_ feedings/24 hours

**HANDLING FORMULA**

24. How much water and formula do you mix per feeding? \_\_\_\_\_ ounces of water with \_\_\_\_\_ ounces or \_\_\_\_\_ scoops of formula

Are the scoops of formula level or heaping?  Heaping  Level

How do you store the formula after you mix it up?  Refrigerator  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

25. How long do you keep mixed formula in the refrigerator before you throw it away? \_\_\_\_\_ hours or days (Circle one)

26. How long do you let a bottle of formula sit at room temperature? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

27. What do you do with formula left in a bottle after a feeding?

Leave it out to feed later  Put it back in the refrigerator to feed later  Throw it away  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER SUPPLY**

28. What kind of water do you use for mixing formula or drinking for your baby? Check one.

City or rural water system  Private well  Bottled water  Nursery water

a. If private well, has it been tested for bacteria or nitrates? .....  Yes  No  Don't know

If yes, check results:  Safe  Unsafe  Don't know

b. Do you know if your water is fluoridated?  Yes  No  Don't know

**SOLID FOODS & JUICES**

29. Has your baby started on infant cereal, baby food or table food? .....  Yes  No

If yes, at what age did you start feeding these foods and what foods?

Are they mostly:  Mashed  Pureed or Baby foods  Chopped  Liquid  Finger foods

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how do you feed these foods?  Spoon  Bottle/infant feeder  Baby feeds self

30. Does your baby eat honey or any foods made with honey such as honey graham crackers, muffins, etc?  Yes  No

31. Does your baby drink 100% fruit juice? .....  Yes  No

If yes, how many ounces of full strength juices in a day? \_\_\_\_\_ ounces per day

32. How do you feed juice to your baby?  Bottle  Cup

33. At what age did you begin feeding juice to your baby? \_\_\_\_\_ months

34. Does your baby eat foods such as:

a. unpasteurized fruit or vegetable juices or dairy products .....  Yes  No

b. soft cheeses such as Feta, Brie, Camembert, blue-veined cheese, Mexican style cheese(queso)  Yes  No

c. raw or undercooked meats, fish, chicken, turkey, or eggs .....  Yes  No

d. raw vegetable sprouts such as alfalfa, clover, and radish .....  Yes  No

e. undercooked or raw tofu .....  Yes  No

f. uncooked luncheon meats, deli meats, hot dogs .....  Yes  No

35. Is your baby on a special diet? .....  Yes  No

If yes, check or write-in what kind:  Vegan  Macrobiotic  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

36. Does your baby routinely eat sweet foods like lollipops, candy, sweetened cereals, or desserts? .....  Yes  No

Items(s) & Amount(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**BABY BOTTLES & SIPPY CUPS**

37. Does your baby drink anything other than breast milk or formula in a baby bottle or sippy cup? .....  Yes  No

If yes, check all that apply:  Milk  Juice (100%)  Water  Soft drinks/soda/pop

Gelatin water/Kool-Aid  Sweetened tea  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

38. Do you dip your baby's pacifier in Karo/corn syrup or honey or add it to your baby's bottle? .....  Yes  No

39. Does your baby take a bottle to bed at night or naptime? .....  Yes  No

40. Do you hold your baby's bottle while feeding him/her? .....  Yes  No

41. Does your baby carry a bottle or sippy cup around? .....  Yes  No

**SUPPLEMENTS**

42. Have you given your child any vitamins, minerals, herbs, or herbal supplements in the past month or currently?

Yes  No If yes, check all that apply.  Infant multi vitamin  Vitamin D Supplement

Herbal supplement, remedies or teas  Iron supplement  Fluoride supplement

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD SECURITY AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

43. In the past month, did you or anyone in your household ever eat less than you felt you/they should or not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?  Yes  No  Don't know or refused

44. In the past month, if you ran out of formula what did you do? List: \_\_\_\_\_

45. Does your baby or family participate in any of the following programs? .....  Yes  No

If yes, which ones.  Food Stamps  Family Nutrition Education Program (FNEP)  Commodity Program

Food Pantry  WIC (location)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

46. Do you have adequate equipment for food storage and preparation such as a refrigerator, a stove that works, and storage free from pests and harmful chemicals? .....  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**AGENCY USE ONLY** Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss all areas marked with the parent/guardian to determine what type of referral is needed.

Disposition: NO Concerns   Refer WIC   Refer to Nutrition Consultant   Refer to physician

Refer to dentist   Refer to other services/parent training, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD START RAPIDES  
NUTRITION ASSESSMENT FOR 0 – 11 MONTHS

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This form is completed upon enrollment in its entirety with no blanks and filed in the child's health file.