## Healthy meal planning for children at different age groups

## Vary your protein choices

Health Tip:
Incorporate plant and animal protein during the week.

## Examples:

$\star$ Plant protein: Almonds, walnut, sunflower seeds, peanut butter, lentil, black beans
$\star$ Animal protein: poultry, fish, eggs, lean meat, salmon, Steak, tuna, lamb.

## Vary your vegetables- more color

Health Tip:
Try to consume from all 5 subgroups weekly.
Examples:

1. Dark-leafy: Broccoli, spinach, lettuce, kale
2. Red \& orange: carrots, pumpkin, tomatoes, red peppers
3. Beans \& peas: black beans, soy beans, kidney beans
4. Starchy: corn, peas, potatoes
5. Other vegetables: mushrooms, cabbage, bean sprouts, celery

## Focus on whole fruit

Health Tip:
Consume whole grains or whole wheat products.

Examples:
Whole wheat bread or pasta, brown rice, oatmeal, cereal, tortilla, etc.

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Different age groups require different portions for proper nutrition. To provide adequate nutrients to your children, please refer to the chart below for guidance.

|  | $0-5$ <br> months | 6-11 months | Food Groups | Ages 1-2 | Ages 3-5 | Ages 6-18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $4-6 \mathrm{fl} \mathrm{oz}$ <br> breast <br> milk or formula | $\rightarrow 6-8 \mathrm{fl}$ oz breast milk or formula <br> $\rightarrow 0-2$ tbsp vegetables or fruits <br> $\rightarrow 0-4$ tbsp infant cereal, yogurt, meat, whole eggs, cooked beans or peas $\rightarrow 0-2$ oz cheese | Dairy | $1 / 2$ cup | $3 / 4$ cup | 1 cup |
|  |  |  | Vegetables, Fruits or both | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup |
|  |  |  | Grains | $1 / 2$ oz eq. | 1/2 oz eq. | $1 \mathrm{oz} \mathrm{eq}$. |
|  | 4-6 fl oz <br> breast milk or formula | $\rightarrow$ 6-8 fl oz breast milk or formula <br> $\rightarrow 0-2$ tbsp vegetables or fruits <br> $\rightarrow 0-4$ tbsp infant cereal, yogurt, meat, whole eggs, cooked beans or peas $\rightarrow 0-2$ oz cheese | Dairy | 1/2 cup | $3 / 4$ cup | 1 cup |
|  |  |  | Proteins | 1 oz | $11 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | 2 oz |
|  |  |  | Vegetables | $1 / 8$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup |
|  |  |  | Fruits | $1 / 8$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup |
|  |  |  | Grains | $1 / 2$ oz eq | $1 / 2$ oz eq | 1 oz eq |
| $\begin{aligned} & \underline{U} \\ & \underset{N}{C} \\ & \dot{N} \end{aligned}$ | 4-6 fl oz breast milk or formula | $\rightarrow$ 2-4 fl oz breast milk or formula <br> $\rightarrow 0-2$ tbsp vegetables or fruits <br> $\rightarrow 0-1 / 2$ slice of bread or 0-2 crackers <br> $\rightarrow 0-4$ tbsp infant cereal | Dairy | $1 / 2$ cup | 1 cup | 1 cup |
|  |  |  | Proteins | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | 1 oz | 1 oz |
|  |  |  | Vegetables | $1 / 2$ cup | 1/2 cup | 3/4 cup |
|  |  |  | Fruits | $1 / 2$ cup | 1/2cup | 3/4 cup |
|  |  |  | Grains | $1 / 2$ oz eq | $1 / 2$ oz eq | 1 oz eq |

*Serving sizes are of minimum requirement. Daily requirements are based on different sex and physical activities level. 1 cup $=8 \mathrm{fl}$. oz.

Please consult with your doctor or dietitian if you have any questions about children nutrition.

