



Breastfeeding in the crèche? Yes, it is possible!

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Introduction

The Youth Health Service (SSJ) is a preventative and health promotion service for children and young people in the Canton of Geneva.

The nurses who are assigned to institutions for small children (IPE) can observe certain approaches related to breastfeeding in the child care center: For instance, the recommendation that some mothers have been given, to wean their babies before they introduce them to the child care center or at some other point. Or the fact that there is no place foreseen for breastfeeding in the child care centers. As a result of these observations, we have established a multi-disciplinary working group to promote breastfeeding for toddlers.

Goal

We want the IPEs to make it possible for those mothers who want to, to breastfeed in the child care centers.

From now until the end of 2012 all of the child care centers in the Canton of Geneva will profit from the from the breastfeeding support recommended by the SSJ. This involves about 75 IPEs.

Procedure

Starting with visits by the nurses at the beginning of the year, it was recommended to the directors of the IPE that they get involved in action related to breastfeeding. This involved naming two people who would be delegated to the project in the IPE but, in addition, would be written into the institutions' educational project of permanent promotion of breastfeeding. Parallel to this, concrete action was to be begun so that a space could be created in which mothers could breastfeed as well as creating the necessary infrastructure for the storage of milk, etc.

Partner

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