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Introduction

Importance of breastfeeding for baby’s nutritional requirements and disease resistance is well recognized and evidence based. How it helps in healthy growth and development and further in strengthening bondage between mother and baby is also well known. In infancy, no gift is more precious than breastfeeding. These are among the reasons why international organizations such as WHO lay so much emphasis on exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of birth and accordingly, the Government of India has also been running programmes and schemes which promote breastfeeding. But these initiatives and baby’s natural right to feed on mother’s milk get extremely restricted and often denied than never in the urban space, while visiting public place, for want of such facility which can provide safe, secure, hygienic and private space where mother can feed and nurse her baby without disturbance and the baby does not get deprived of its feed.

Aim and Objective

The aim and objective of this policy is to sensitize and meet the natural needs of mother and baby that are taken care of in our Institute.

Focus Points

The location of Child Feeding Room should be provided with wayfinding signage

Essential Features

An ideal Child Feeding Room for safe and secure environment for nursing mother and child should be as under: •

1. Room size should be adequate enough depending upon foot falls.
2. Sharp edges and hard corners shall be avoided inside the care room.
3. Provision of at least one nursing counter with sink, mirror and disposal bin will be made.
4. Use of non-slip floor surfaces, easily cleanable finishes etc. is preferable.
5. It should be built as a rest room for the purpose of a baby care room or nursing station or changing soggy diapers or feeding of infants preferably on the ground floor of the public building.
6. It should be easily accessible to all including persons with disabilities.
7. The area should not have access to others and a female attendant will be posted outside the area/room.
8. The room should be equipped with adequate nursing chairs, tables and washbasin.
9. A nursing room should have a child friendly atmosphere which should be properly lit and ventilated.
10. There should be a washroom attached to the nursing room.
11. If the area does not have adequate space for a separate room, then the nursing area should at least be shielded with curtains or flex walls etc. from public view.
12. An emergency alarm bell/button should be provided alongside the light button for mother to call someone in case of emergency.
13. Doctor and design should appeal to aesthetics.