

# **Healthy Lifestyles**



## Why are you doing the checklist?

The practices identified in the checklist are what the assessor needs to see you do so they can check you're 'meeting the NQS.' If there's something on the checklist that you're not doing, you need to adjust your practice to do it, or ask for help and training to implement it ie work with your educational/room leader who should teach/coach you how to do it. This process uses the **summative assessment process** from the **new EYLF and MTOP**. Educators review your achievements and capabilities at specified or selected timepoints. Please make a judgement about the path you are on to understanding the element.

	Name Educator 1	
The checklist keys to use.	Name Educator 2	
E = Embedded I do that ALL the time	Name Educator 3	
<ul><li>K = I know I need to do that, but I don't do it all the time</li><li>T = Please teach me how to do it or improve my</li></ul>	Name Educator 4	
understanding of why I need to do it.	Name Educator 5	

#### **Children's Health and Wellbeing**

Do you make sure older children can independently access drinking water and offer				
it regularly during the day, including at meal times?				
Do you make sure food provided considers each child's likes, dislikes, culture and				
religion?				
Do you offer food to children who are hungry outside meal or snack times?				
Do you never use food to reward or punish children?				
Do you always respect children's decision not to eat and never force them to eat?				
Do you provide families with information about their child's daily food intake, food				
preferences and new experiences?				
Do you feed babies individually?				
Do you encourage toddlers and young children to feed themselves?				
Do you encourage families to breast feed babies until at least 12 months of age?				
If families provide food, do you make sure it's healthy food consistent with advice				
from recognised authorities?				
Do you ensure all food and drinks offered to children are on the daily menu?				
Do you invite families to lead healthy/cultural cooking activities or				
dance/music/drama/sport activities with children?				
Healthy Eating and Curriculum	_			
Do you engage children in cooking activities, including preparing meals/snacks, and				
discuss healthy food and good nutrition as part of the experience?				
Do you make sure children help plant, care for, harvest and cook produce from				
service gardens?				
Do you invite each child to help plan menus and meal/snack times?				
Do you have conversations with children about healthy food and good nutrition				
during meal and snack times?				
Do you model healthy eating at all times eg never eat unhealthy food in front of				
children?				
Do you regularly include learning about healthy food and lifestyles in the curriculum?				
Physical Activity and Curriculum				
Do you regularly include learning about healthy bodies and active lifestyles in the				
curriculum?				
Do you regularly plan a variety of individual and group physical activities in				
consultation with children and families eg physical games, dancing, yoga, drama?				

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Do you regularly encourage children to participate in physical activities that promote their gross and fine motor skills and spatial awareness including free active play?			
Do you encourage children to try new physical activities and support their efforts?			
Do you support physical activities initiated by or suggested by children?			
Do you make sure there's a reasonable balance between planned and spontaneous physical activities?			
Do you teach children the skills they need to participate safely in physical activities and have fun eg throwing and kicking techniques?			
Do you involve children in identifying and managing risks in their play and activities?			
Do you involve children in planning and setting up physical activities?			
Do you involve children in physical routines like sweeping, cleaning windows, vacuuming, weeding, digging etc?			
Do you encourage babies to rollover, crawl, climb, stand etc?			
Food Safety	_		
Do you always follow service procedures for safely storing and heating food and drink, including formula and breast milk?			
Do you make sure there is no risk of choking before providing food to young children?			

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2.1.3	Healthy Lifestyles	Week 19 – 19.6.2023 Monday to Friday
of their plan both for and • Heal you s • Does how (Not • Are t dram	I MTOP says. "Evaluation practices involve educators' of ning and implementation of curriculum for children's le with children'. Pick one of the following reflection poin thy eating includes eating when we're hungry, and not support children with this aspect of healthy eating? Ho s your service have somewhere private and comfortabl is this working? If not, is it something you'd like to see e this is relevant for all centres – children may have you here opportunities to offer more of and/or different ty na, risky play, action songs, throwing and kicking balls, etc? What might you change?	earning as part of the planning cycle, nts to complete the table below: eating when we're full. How well do w could you improve? e for breastfeeding mothers? If yes, at the Service? Why or why not? unger siblings.) ypes of physical activities eg dance,
Critically reflect through the eyes of:	Write your critical reflection below	What changes did you or will you make because of the reflection?
a child	I noticed that sometimes it's hard for me to know when I'm hungry or full. I like cakes and biscuits.	Based on the reflections, I will engage in ongoing professional development to stay updated on nutrition and healthy eating guidelines. I will focus on creating a supportive and non-judgmental environment where children feel comfortable
	Reflecting on my practice as an educator, I realised the need to enhance my guidance and support regarding healthy eating habits. I will engage in ongoing professional development to stay updated on nutrition and healthy eating guidelines.	discussing their eating habits. This will include open conversations and activities that promote self- awareness and self-regulation. Recognising that external cues, such
an educator	I understand the importance of creating a healthy eating environment for my child. I appreciate that our child's teacher values our input and wants to collaborate with us. I'm glad they are open to hearing our insights and experiences regarding our child's eating habits. This shows that they truly care about our child's well-being.	as portion sizes or social influences, may impact children's eating behaviours, I will educate children about listening to their own hunger and fullness cues. This will involve discussions and activities that encourage them to pay attention to their bodies and recognise when they are truly hungry or full.
theorist and current research	According to self-regulation theory, children's ability to recognise and respond to hunger and fullness cues develops gradually over time. Young children may not have fully developed self- regulation skills, and they rely more on external cues such as portion sizes or social influences to determine when to stop eating. This could explain why some children have difficulty knowing when they are full and may overeat.	Collaborating with families, provide guidance and resources on promoting healthy eating habits at home. Incorporating self-regulation activities into the curriculum, such as mindful eating exercises or interactive games that promote awareness of hunger and fullness cues.

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Healthy eating and physical activity are promoted and appropriate for each child.



The EYLF and MTOP says. "Evaluation practices involve educators' critical reflection on the effectiveness of their planning and implementation of curriculum for children's learning as part of the planning cycle, both for and with children'. Pick one of the following reflection points to complete the table below:

- Healthy eating includes eating when we're hungry, and not eating when we're full. How well do you support children with this aspect of healthy eating? How could you improve?
- Does your service have somewhere private and comfortable for breastfeeding mothers? If yes, how is this working? If not, is it something you'd like to see at the Service? Why or why not? (Note this is relevant for all centres children may have younger siblings.)
- Are there opportunities to offer more of and/or different types of physical activities eg dance, drama, risky play, action songs, throwing and kicking balls, physical games, walking excursions, yoga etc? What might you change?

Critically reflect	Write your critical reflection below	What changes did you or will you make
through the eyes of:		because of the reflection?
a child		
an educator		
your families		
theorist and		
current research		

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