

Situational Assessment Template

Implementation of NutriSTEP™ How Would It Look in Your Community?

Is there a need to address child health/nutrition issues in your agency or community?

How can NutriSTEP™ be promoted to the health, education and social service professionals who can make it available to parents?

Who can make NutriSTEP™ available to parents? What will these professionals need in order to incorporate NutriSTEP™ into their work?

What supports will those professionals need to understand NutriSTEP™ (uses and limitations) and to offer guidance to the parents who have completed it?

Is it possible for your agency to implement a program that is directed to parents or caregivers?

Does your agency reach out directly to parents and caregivers in your jurisdiction?

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If not through your agency, can/do you work through other front line organizations that reach out to parents and caregivers in your jurisdiction?

Keeping in mind that NutriSTEP™ is intended to be totally parent-administered, what systems need to be in place at the provincial or local level when a problem is identified?

What resources (e.g., money, printed materials, staff, promotional items, etc.) would your agency need to be able to promote/implement/follow-up on (as appropriate to your mandate) preschool nutrition screening in your community?

What kind of follow-up is available to address high nutritional risk issues with preschoolers in your community (e.g., family physicians; walk-in-clinics; dietitian-staffed drop-in centres; public health nutrition programs)?

Are there important gaps in service that will need to be addressed? What are some of the potential solutions (minimum? ideal case?) to ensure the high-risk children receive the intervention they need?

What other kinds of challenges can you envision to the implementation of a preschool nutrition screening program, such as NutriSTEP™, in your community (e.g., perception of need among preschoolers; language barriers; cultural practices or attitudes; level of trust/interaction between community groups and agency)?
