



4.2 Now that you are a participant in the Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Initiative, it is important to be aware of some broad do's and don'ts when it comes to the curiosity and questions that children will have.

What to Do:	What Not to Do:
• Use appropriate body part language. • Answer questions to the best of your ability by explaining what the children are seeing. • Allow children to explore books, posters, and toys that feature breastfeeding.	• Do not shame children for asking questions or being curious. • Do not talk negatively about breastfeeding. • Don't ignore questions that children have.

Consider your response to the following scenarios:

- 1) Maria comes into the center during her lunch break to breastfeed Antonio. When she arrives, the designated breastfeeding space is already in use. Antonio is very hungry, and Maria doesn't want to wait to feed him. So, she decides to feed him in the classroom. She sits down and starts feeding him. She is not using a cover up. Another child in the room is intently watching her.
- 2) Anjali comes into the facility to pick up her daughter. She has errands to run right after picking up Padma, so she decides to breastfeed her before leaving the family child care home. Anjali takes Padma to the breastfeeding area and another child who is five begins asking Ms. Audrey what the mother is doing.