

## **Lactation Accommodation**

For nearly all infants, breastfeeding is universally recognized as the ideal and natural source of nutrition for growth and development. However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2014, 92.8 percent of women in California initiated breastfeeding, but only 63.1 percent were still breastfeeding at 6 months.<sup>1</sup> There are many ways that employers can provide the much-needed support for breastfeeding mothers and babies. Providing lactation accommodation is not only good for mothers and babies, but also benefits the employer via staff loyalty, enhance public image of the employers, decreased health care costs, and reduced employee turnover.

Exemplary lactation accommodations should include a few basic items such as a comfortable chair, a table to hold pumping equipment, a refrigeration unit for storage of expressed milk, and a privacy curtain if multiple users share the same space. Employers can go even further by adding supportive education materials and calming artwork. Below is a list of example items. Product and company names do not imply endorsement. There are multitudes of equivalent items that are widely available and just as well suited to support lactation accommodation.

Name and Description		Provider	Cost	Picture/Examples
1.	Chairs – Kensington Series Sled. Side and Conference Chairs Kensington Series Chair Here	CalPIA Item Number: 681700	\$335.00	Improved comfort
2.	End Table- Residential Hall Tables Residential Hall Tables Here	CalPIA Item Number: 617100	\$175.00	Expanded space for equipment

3.	Danby 3.3 cu ft. compact refrigerator  Duncan Med Refrigerator  Here	Duncan and Duncan Medical, Inc. Item Number: 551478929	\$175.00	
4	Sundance Antimicrobial Solid	Medical Product Direct	88"Tx102"W	Onsite storage
4.	Tone Mesh Top Hospital Curtains  Hospital Curtains Here	Item Number: 19A20570	Sundance Antimicrobial Solid Tone Mesh Top Hospital Curtain  \$220.00  Price varies depending on size and pattern you select. Ranges from \$164.00- \$394.00	Privacy curtian  Privacy curtain
5.	Curtain Track and Privacy Screen Parts and Supplies  Curtain Track and Privacy Screen Here	Medical Product Direct  Hospital Curtain Track: Standard Carrier Rollers. Item Number: 01A13918	Hospital Curtain Track: Standard Carrier Rollers (10 Pack)	
	If your lactation room does not have a track for privacy curtains, you will need to have one installed.	Silver Hospital Curtain Track: 90 Degree Curve. Item Number: 01A13926	\$37.44Silver Hospital Curtain Track: 90 Degree Curve.	Curtain track and parts/supplies

6. Various educational materials (i.e. pamphlets, etc.)  Educational Materials Here	Will vary	Price varies depending on the pamphlets you select.	Principal Sections  Art   There is not the football grains and and  principal section and buy  and are more and buy  and are more an interest and  a
7. Educational Books	Will vary	Varies depending on the books you select.	American Auditorio Malancia  New Mother's Guide to Breastfeeding  - Why beauthoring at last for July and Marker - Protectioning and Latining at - Street Course Was Michigan (Street) - Restracting for Street Course - Restracting
8. Various posters  Posters Here	Burkett's Office Supply, Inc.  Management team donated framed wall-hangings.	Varies depending on which posters you select.	

## References:

1. Breastfeeding Report Card, United States/2014. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity. Breastfeeding Report Card PDF Here