

## **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 <u>Kensington Series Chair Here</u>	CalPIA Item Number: 681700	\$335.00	Improved comfort
2.	End Table- Residential Hall Tables <u>Residential Hall Tables Here</u>	CalPIA Item Number: 617100	\$175.00	Expanded space for equipment

3. Danby 3.3 cu ft. co refrigerator <u>Duncan Med Refri</u> <u>Here</u>	Medi	an and Duncan cal, Inc. Number: 551478929	\$175.00	Onsite storage
4. Sundance Antimic Tone Mesh Top Ho Curtains <u>Hospital Curtains</u>	ospital Item I	cal Product Direct Number: 19A20570	88"Tx102"W 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	Onsite storage Privacy curtian Onsite storage Privacy curtain Privacy curtain
<ol> <li>Curtain Track and Screen Parts and S</li> <li><u>Curtain Track and</u> <u>Screen Here</u></li> <li>If your lactation ro not have a track for curtains, you will r have one installed</li> </ol>	Privacy Privacy Stand Item om does Silver or privacy Track need to	cal Product Direct ital Curtain Track: lard Carrier Rollers. Number: 01A13918 Hospital Curtain : 90 Degree Curve. Number: 01A13926	Hospital Curtain Track: Standard Carrier Rollers (10 Pack) \$37.44  Silver Hospital Curtain Track: 90 Degree Curve. \$57.20	Curtain track and parts/supplies

<ul> <li>6. Various educational materials (i.e. pamphlets, etc.)</li> <li><u>Educational Materials Here</u></li> </ul>	Will vary	Price varies depending on the pamphlets you select.	<image/>
7. Educational Books	Will vary	Varies depending on the books you select.	<text></text>
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. <u>Breastfeeding Report Card PDF Here</u>