

Supporting Nutrition for Australian Childcare (SNAC) and SNACPlus – a whole of centre approach



How many children at child care?

- Number of children attending Long Day Care Centres
 - **CHILDREN:** 171,000 (1996) → 630,000+ (2015)
 - **CENTRES:** 330 (1997) → 552 WA (2015)
 - Average attendance of **27.9 hours per week** (2015)



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**Early Childhood and
Child Care in Summary**

June quarter 2015

Provision of food/menu planning

- Role modelling
- Nutrition education
- Healthy food habits and preferences

- Intakes of energy, iron, calcium, zinc did not meet recommended guidelines (Gelissen, 1992; Soanes et al., 2001)
- Recommendations not met for any of the core food groups – ↓meat, vegetables, grains; ↑ Fruit, fat (Sambell et al., 2014)
- Total energy, calcium ↓; fat, sodium ↑ (Bell et al., 2015)


SNAC: Supporting nutrition for Australian childcare

SNAC | Supporting Nutrition for Australian Childcare | Australian Guide to Healthy Eating

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Healthy Food for Kids Cookbook – Quick Recipes for Busy Parents

SNAC has developed a cookbook for busy mums and dads who strive to provide delicious, nutritious meals for the whole family each and every busy day! The cookbook contains five... [Read More »](#)

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A new support site for education and care centres and early years educators. This is a place for you to connect with other childcare professionals to share your experiences, ideas and thoughts and to build a network of support. There are many reliable, accurate resources to help you

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- Support
 - Fact sheets
 - Links
 - Menu planning tools and guidelines
 - Activities for healthy eating



- Nutrition
 - Recipes specifically designed for childcare
 - Nourish cookbook
 - Nutrition calculators



Food Groups:

Fruit		0%
Vege	<div></div>	90%
Meat/Alt *		0%
Cereals	<div></div>	90%
Dairy		0%
Fat	<div></div>	80%

* meat = lean meats, poultry and fish;
 meat alternatives = eggs, tofu, nuts,
 seeds, legumes and beans

- **Activities**

- Based on feedback from stage 1
 - Fussy eating
 - Menu planning
 - Reading and understanding food labels
 - Basic nutrition concepts

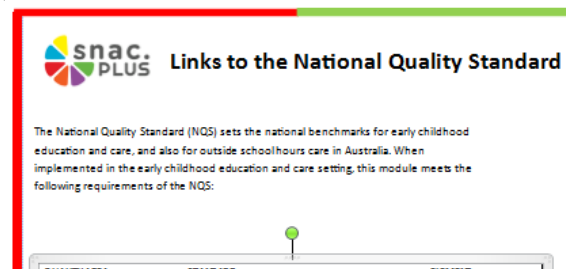
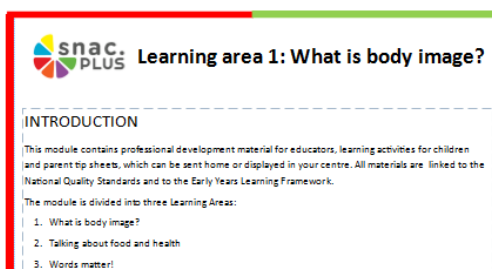
Videos

Resources

Quizzes



- SNACPlus funded to develop nutrition curriculum for childcare centres
- Professional development , activities for children, information for parents
- Links to EYLF and NQS



Educators



“From little things, big things grow” – Food and drink sources.

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“My healthy choice” – Food and drink choice.

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NEW! “Jazz in the kitchen” – Food and drink experience NEW!

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Parent modules

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For Parents: "From little things, big things grow" – Food and drink sources.



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'Growing seeds' parents information

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'Healthy seed and grain foods' parent information

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'How milk gets from the farm to my fridge' parent information

For Parents: "Fro..."

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- Pre-test n=151, post-test n= 138
- 64% of services made changes post intervention
- Significant improvement in:
 - limiting the use of salt
 - limiting sources of saturated fats
 - limiting foods high in sugar
 - choosing whole grain products

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- Significant changes in body appreciation scores
- Significant increases in self-efficacy
- Significant increases in positive behaviours



- Online professional development and curriculum popular with educators
- SNACPlus successful in increasing KAB
- Inclusion of body image innovative
- However, we struggled to include parents

Any questions?

