Mc3 HEAL Suggested Steps for Developing Policies for Child Care Sites

Phase	Steps	HEAL Resources	Notes
Phase 1 Review Best Practices	Review choice and HEAL assessment and discuss and identify areas of interest and improvement	Choice Assessment	
Phase 2 Asses program wants & needs	Asses your own sites -nutrition and physical activity/ garden practices. Discuss strategies to strengthen goals	HEAL Action Planning Document	
Phase 3 Policy development	Review Sample policy's. Draft policy that fits own child care center or home's wants and needs.	Sample Policies Goal Setting Document	
Phase 4 Communicate & Implement	Develop- communicate to entire staff of policy content. Share with family through email, take home flyer. Place policy in handbook. Put on website, and or bulletin board	HEAL Action Planning Document	
Phase 5 Monitor & Evaluate	Review HEAL Action Plan. Measure your success. Review with staff and family. Continue to grow with Growing Strong Award	Growing Strong Award Resource	
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