

BREASTFEEDING **ATODDLER**

The longer the better

- The breastfeeding relationship with the child changes over time, breastfeeding allows the child to satisfy his or her need for comfort and will help the child achieve a certain level of autonomy
- Breastfeeding contributes to the development of the brain, immune and digestive systems to reach optimal maturity; therefore, the longer a child is breastfed, the greater the benefits
- A verbal or non-verbal code can be used as a signal when the toddler wants to have milk in the presence of visitors or in a public place
- Breast milk covers 1/3 of a child's nutritional needs during the 2nd year of life
- It is possible to return to work and continue to breastfeed as often as desired while with the child



Health Canada and and the WHO recommend breastfeeding for up to 2 years or more, after the introduction of solids around 6 months

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