

Latching

Preparing to Latch:

- * Point your nipple towards your baby's nostrils or upper lip.
- * Hold baby around base of neck and shoulders.
- Support your baby's head, tilting it back slightly (try not to push baby's face in against breast).
- * Wrap your baby's body and legs around your body.

Latching Baby on:

- * When MOUTH WIDE OPEN, quickly move baby onto breast with the base of your hand on baby's neck and shoulders. The chin and lower jaw should touch breast first.
- ★ Watch lower lip—aim it as far from base of nipple as possible, so tongue draws LOTS OF BREAST in mouth.
- Move baby's body and head together, keeping baby "uncurled".
- * Once latched, top lip will be close to nipple, and some areola will show above the top lip. Keep baby's chin close to breast.

Area drawn into baby's mouth

Push base of hand firmly against baby's shoulders keeping baby "uncurled" chin coming in first

Wide Mouth:

- * The baby needs to have a WIDE MOUTH before moving onto the breast.
- * Teach baby to open wide:
 - Move baby toward breast, touch top lip against nipple.
 - Move mouth away SLIGHTLY.
 - · Touch top lip against nipple again.
 - Move mouth away again.
 - Repeat until baby opens wide and has tongue forward.