

# Staff Education Series Scenario

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Smitty, a four-year-old, puts food on his plate and then doesn't eat any. What do you do?

### **Staff Education Series**

**Scenario** 

Marty, a five-year-old, is fairly accurate in judging the amount of food to serve for himself. He eats most of the food on his plate, but leaves some of it. A member of your staff tells him that he has to eat everything on his plate. What do you do?

### Scenario

You and your staff are discussing how to get children to try new foods. The suggestion is made that you make a policy that all children must take a "nothank-you bite." This is explained as everybody has to take at least one bite, though they do not have to eat it all. Why would you agree or disagree with this strategy?

David is always the last child to leave the table. He eats and eats and eats. He is not overweight. He just keeps eating, though he slows considerably. He sometimes stays as long as 15 minutes beyond the time other children finish. What do you do?

# Feeding Young Children in Group Settings

**Staff Education Series** 

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Children in your center eat in a cafeteria. The cook says it is not possible for the children to serve themselves at this school. What will you suggest?





# Feeding Young Children in Group Settings in Group Settings As food is served, children put their fingers in the rimless bowls as they pass them. What can be done?



### Scenario

Mary is three years old. Her mother is very impressed when you suggest that children can serve themselves at mealtimes. She is also impressed when you talk about the Ellyn Satter's Division of Responsibility in Feeding where adults decide what, when and where food is presented and the child decides how much or whether to eat.

Mary sits down to eat with her family. When the bowl is passed, she takes for	ar
large portions of mashed potatoes. Mom tells you this stuff just won't work.	What
do you suggest?	



Scenario
Brannan sits down at the lunch table. The lunch includes makings for a turkey sandwich. There are bowls of bread, cheese, turkey, lettuce, tomato, and mustard or mayonnaise. He takes one look at the makings for the turkey sandwiches and says, "I don't like it. I don't want any." What can the adult at the table do?



Feeding Young Children in Group Settings Scenario	
Smitty, a two year old, serves himself some food and then doesn't eat any. Wha should happen next?	at





Scenario
A parent tells you that he and his wife are discussing how to get children to try new foods. His wife suggested a "no-thank- you bite." He explained the rule. Everybody has to take at least one bite, though they do not have to eat it all. Why would you agree or disagree with this strategy?



Scenario
Four year old David is always the last to leave the table. He eats and eats and eats. He is not overweight. He just keeps eating, though he slows considerably. He sometimes stays as long as 15 minutes beyond the time everyone else finishes. What strategies should the program staff use in this case?



A four year old girl is new to your program. She smiles gleefully as she serves herself. She is quickly becoming competent in serving herself. The ketchup and mustard, and salad dressing are presented to the children in squeeze bottles. She takes way more than is reasonable to eat. Suggestions?



Section
As the tables are being set for snack, a parent volunteer says, "Isn't it time to wash hands?" A staff member says, "We don't have to wash because the children didn't play outside today." What do you do?



# Feeding Young Children in Group Settings Parent Education Series Scenario

Scenario
The children wash their hands just before the meal. Two of them make detours before they get to the table. One crawls under the table to pick up a pencil under the floor. The other makes a circle around the room, dragging his hand across all the counter tops as he moves through the room. As the food is served, the two immediately come to the table.



Scenario
It is the third week that three year old Paola has attended the program. She still refuses to come to the table at lunch time, though she comes to snack and eats. At lunch time she says she wants her mommy. What do you suggest?



Scenario
When Sarah serves herself at lunchtime, she takes only bread and milk. She eats several pieces of bread. She usually eats cereal and bananas for breakfast. Where do you start to help Sarah expand her menu?



Children in your center eat in a cafeteria. The cook says it is not possible for the children to serve themselves at this school. To help children learn to judge amounts and to develop self-regulation skills, you must come up with some other strategies for this class. What will you suggest?

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# Serie de Educación de personal. <u>Escenario</u>

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Smitty, un nino de cuatro años, pone comida en su plato y despuès no come nada. Què es lo que tù haces?

# Serie de Educación de personal. <u>Escenario</u>

Marty, de cinco años, es bastante acertado en juzgar la cantidad de comida a servirse. Èl come la mayor parte de la comida en su plato, pero déja algo. Un miembro de tu personal le dice que tiene que comer todo lo que tiene en su plato. Què es lo que haces?

### Escenario

Tù y tu personal estàn discutiendo còmo conseguir que los niños prueben alimentos nuevos. Se hace la sugerencia de que se establezca la política de que todos los niños deban probar "un bocado de no gracias" Esto es explicado como que todos tienen que comer por lo menos un bocado aunque no tengan que comèrselo todo. Porquè estarías de acuerdo o en desacuerdo con èsta estrategia?

David es siempre el ùltimo niño en dejar la mesa. Èl come , come, y come. Èl no es excesìvamente pesado. Èl nada màs sigue comiendo, aunque se demora considerablemente. Algunas veces èl se queda hasta 15 minutos despuès de que todos los otros niños han terminado. Què es lo que haces?

# Alimentando a niños en situaciones de grupo

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### Escenario

Los niños de tu centro comen en la cafeteria. El cocinero dice que no es posible que los niños se sirvan solos en este colegio. Què sugieres?

