



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE POTTY TRAINED?



When we say "children at the CDC must be potty trained" what we mean is:

1. Does not wear a pull-up to school or at nap time.
2. Able to sleep through a two-hour nap time without wetting or bowel movement while asleep.
3. Able AND willing to communicate to staff when s/he needs to go potty.
4. Able to pull clothing up and down with only minimal help from staff (Parents can help a great deal with this by selecting clothing that makes it easy --- buy elastic waist, minimal snaps, zippers, buttons or belts.) Remember, s/he is part of a class of several other children.
5. Needs only minimal assistance for wiping.
6. Able to wash his hands afterwards using soap and water.
7. Demonstrates a pattern of using the potty and staying dry and unsoiled while at preschool.

Many scheduled opportunities are given in the day to go potty, and requests to go at other times are not denied.

We understand that an occasional potty accident can happen to anyone awake or sleeping. For this reason we ask that every child enrolled has a change of clothing in a zip lock bag labeled with the child's name on it. We even expect some accidents of this sort when the child is making this big transition from home to his first preschool experience.

However, if a continuous pattern develops of potty accidents and soiling oneself, we will conclude that the child is not truly potty trained as we define it for functioning in our preschool setting. You will be asked to withdraw your child until more progress is made.