

## **SUMMER CAMP TOILET TRAINING POLICY**

Toilet training is an essential self-care skill in early childhood that gives children more independence and freedom than any other skill they will learn during this phase of life. All children **MUST** be fully toilet-trained. Pull-ups are not permitted. It is expected that the child who is toilet-trained will demonstrate independence in all aspects of using the bathroom.

A child who is fully potty trained can do the following:

- 1) Be able to tell the adult they have to go potty **BEFORE** they have to go. They must be able to say the words “I have to go potty” when they have to go. (This is key to successful potty training. Children who are potty trained have the ability to perceive the event that is going to happen before it happens.)
- 2) Be able to pull down their underwear and pants and get them back up without assistance.
- 3) Be able to properly wipe themselves after using the toilet.
- 4) Be able to get off the potty by themselves.
- 5) Be able to wash and dry hands independently.
- 6) Be able to postpone going if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or wait if they are outside on the playground until coming back into the building.

If your child is not 100% toilet trained based on these guidelines, you will be required to withdraw your child from the program until he/she is independent in his/her toileting and ready for preschool.

Children who are coming to preschool for the first time may experience a few accidents.

The staff of A Child’s Place is aware that any of our young children may have the occasional bathroom ‘accident.’ Teachers handle this situation with sensitivity and care. To help eliminate stress to your child, parents are asked to send in two changes of clothes to have on hand in case of such an emergency.