

Diaper Care

Policy

Appropriate precautions will be taken to keep every child safe and healthy during diapering care.

Procedure

- Arrowhead Head Start's "Diaper Changing Procedure" must be posted where diapers are changed.
- Diapers must be changed in an area designated for this task, separate from any area used for food storage, preparation, or eating.
- All supplies needed will be within reach of the staff.
- A sink with hot and cold running water will be located within three feet of the diaper changing surface.
- Diaper care will take place on a nonabsorbent and washable diaper changing surface and floor covering. Children who are able to stand for the process may do so on a washable floor.
- A clean disposable paper sheet or liner will be used for each diaper change.
- A foot-operated wastebasket with a plastic liner will be used to discard diapers.
- Staff will wear disposable gloves and use disposable wipes to clean the child's skin.
- Written parent permission must be on file before any diaper rash products may be administered. The product must be labeled with a child's name and used only for that particular child, according to manufacturer instructions unless written directions are provided by a licensed health provider.
- The changing surface will be disinfected after each use. Flooring will be disinfected whenever soiled and cleaned daily.
- Soiled clothing will be kept off surfaces that cannot be disinfected. It will be placed in a plastic bag and given to the child's parent/guardian.
- Staff and children will wash their hands after diaper care.
- If any body fluids must be cleaned, staff will use Universal Precautions when doing so.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45CFR Section 1304.22

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