

Infant & Toddler Pacifier Permission Form

Children's Outreach Ministries has provided parents and or caregivers with a Pacifier Policy to provide safety and cleanliness when the child's pacifier is in use. Please sign this permission slip if you would like for your child to be given the pacifier during childcare hours. Please list any specific instructions for pacifier use for your child. COM will follow the pacifier guidelines listed below and expect parents to inform staff of any pacifier changes that occur.

___ Yes, I give Forrest Burdette Children's Outreach Ministries permission to give my child his/her pacifier during childcare hours.

___ No, I do not give Forrest Burdette Children's Outreach Ministries permission to give my child his/her pacifier during childcare hours.

___ My child does not take a pacifier.

Instructions:

Please turn into the office or give to your child's caregiver. Please keep the policy for your records.

Thank you,

Staff

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Children's Outreach Ministries will follow the American Academy of Pediatric suggestions for pacifier use. Following this policy may help to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in infants. With both parents and staff working together we can provide safety and cleanliness when the child's pacifier is in use. Please follow these guidelines below:

- Writ ten permission and any instructions or preferences from the child's parent/guardian will be signed and given to the staff to be followed and kept on file. If any changes are to be made it is the parent's responsibility to let the staff or Director know.
- Parents should provide at least two new pacifiers on a regular basis for their child to use. (The pacifiers should be labeled with a waterproof label of non-toxic marker).
- Staff will inspect each pacifier for tears or cracks before each use.
- Staff will clean each pacifier with soap and water before each use.
- Pacifiers with attachments will not be allowed.
- If a child refuses the pacifier they will not be forced to take it.
- Pacifiers will not be coated or covered with any sweet solution.
- If the pacifier falls out of the child's mouth, it does not need to be reinserted.
- Pacifiers will be cleaned and stored open to air; separate from the diapering areas, diapering items, or other children's personal items.

*Note: The AAP recommends weaning infants from the pacifier between three and twelve months of age as the suck reflex diminishes. Comfort objects can be substituted for the pacifier (such as blanket, toy, etc.). Pacifier use has been associated with the increased risk of ear infection and oral health issues.