

WATER PLAY

POLICY: Water play at the center shall consist of water tables, sprinklers, pouring and running water. Swimming and wading will be at a public pool, maintained according to the requirements of the Public Health Department as a community swimming place. Diapered children will follow the diaper rules set forth by community swimming place. No children should be left unattended during water play by staff members.

PURPOSE: To protect the health of children and staff.
To reduce the spread of communicable diseases.
To assist program staff in meeting all the children's needs.
To protect the rights of the family and child.

PROCEDURE:

1. Empty all water vessels that are not in current use.
2. All water activity will be closely supervised.
3. Children will wash their hands BEFORE and AFTER water play to prevent the spread of germs and infection.
4. Swimming at public facilities:
 - a. A qualified lifeguard must be present.
 - b. Infants and toddlers are excluded from this activity.
 - c. Diapered children will follow the diaper rules set forth by community swimming place.
 - d. Ratio of 1:4 must be maintained.