

CLEAN AND DIRTY AREA (SINKS)

POLICY: Child Care Center will have rooms arranged to promote good health and avoid the spread of illness. Foot traffic will not pass through a contaminated/dirty area (i.e., diaper changing area) to a clean area (i.e., food prep area).

PURPOSE: To avoid spreading contamination to a vulnerable "clean" area.
To minimize the general cleaning that needs to be redone.
To protect the health of the children and staff in that room.

PROCEDURE:

1. Plan your room arrangement on paper.
2. Use different colored pens to map out the route of:
 - a. Parents as they enter
 - b. Children coming in from the yard
 - c. Staff going to and coming from the food preparation area
 - d. Staff taking children to be diapered
 - e. Staff getting medicine out
 - f. Staff bringing the first aid kit to the play space.
3. Do not allow dirty areas to cross over into clean areas.
 - a. The bathroom and diapering area are dirty.
 - b. The play area is semi-dirty.
 - c. The napping room is semi-clean.
 - d. The food preparation, eating, and medicine area are clean.
4. Sinks in the "dirty areas" and used for:
 - a. Handwashing after toileting
 - b. Emptying floor wash water

- c. Or any materials that are visibly dirty
- 5. Sinks in "clean areas" and used for:
 - a. Washing hands before eating
 - b. First Aid (and disinfected immediately after use)
 - c. Rinsing food and eating utensils