

Infant and Toddler Child Care Programs

Permission to Participate in Classroom Observations

All infant and toddler child care classrooms receive additional support services from our health consultants. Observations and consultation services are offered to support programming and to enhance the social and emotional development of our youngest children. Each infant and toddler classroom receives at least two visits per year and staff also has access to more consultation services if needed. Consultants conduct general observations of the classrooms to assess how the activities, environment and interactions promote children's social and emotional development. After the observation the consultant talks with staff to share general observations and offer suggestions. As a result of these activities you may note changes in the arrangement of the classroom or the way the adults and children carry out daily routines and activities.

If a teacher or consultant wishes to discuss how to best support a specific child's needs, the teacher will first request a separate written permission from the child's parents to make a referral to the consultant.

Your permission is needed for your child to participate in class activities and be observed with the group. Please complete the following information and return this form to your child's lead teacher. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher at any time.

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Center: _____ Lead Teacher: _____

Please check one:

I give my permission for my child to participate in the group social/emotional health observations in the classroom*

I do NOT give permission for my child to participate in the group social/emotional health observations

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*This permission is valid for one year. Permission may be changed by completing a new form.