

CHILDREN'S BATHROOM POLICY

POLICY: The Board of Directors, Policy Council, Executive Director and staff of Shasta Head Start Child Development, Inc., have determined that supervision of children in the bathrooms must be conducted by Shasta Head Start staff only. Parents or community volunteers are not allowed to oversee bathroom supervision, even if they have been fingerprinted.

EXCEPTION: The only exception to this rule is that a parent may accompany his/her own child to the bathroom when other children **are not** present.

REASONS: The reasons for Shasta Head Start's Children's Bathroom Open Door Policy, are as follows:

1. To assure staff's ability to supervise children at all times;
2. Safety for children and parents;
3. To keep children from playing in bathroom;
4. Sanitation issues;
5. Hygiene issues;
6. Children feel more safe - can see and know where adult is in case they need help; and
7. Title 22 licensing requires that children must be in visual view of supervising staff.