All children are welcome in the program whether they are diapered, learning to toilet, or have learned to toilet. During the toddler and preschool years it is common to find children in a variety of stages of toilet learning.

The staff works with parents to plan a toilet learning plan as th
The staff may meet with parents to initially make a collaborative plan that integrates parent goals,

- Parent introduction to toileting at home over a period of time (this is individual as some children may take to the idea quickly and others may be more methodical).
- Identification of toilet use for bowel movements as well as urination at home with repeated interest by child.
- Regular and consistent encouragement for the use of the toilet by parent on weekends, at intervals during the day.
- Initial support of using the toilet with the parent when the child arrives and departs from the on this space, the secure and safe feelings they have with the parent at this time.
- Staff will work with the family to use pull-ups*, underwear, or diapers as needed to support the bility to toilet in the program.

- Pull-ups must be with Velcro tabs as they can be put on and taken off most easily for group care. Please bring in pull-ups that are the most user friendly so that the toileting process is the least stressful for your child.
- The child must be consistently able to use the toilet/potty for bowel movements for two weeks prior to wearing underwear at the Center.
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