

**Foundational Quality Standards for Early Learning Programs
Covered in this Learning Session**

WAC 110-300-0220 Bathroom space and toilet training.

(1) An early learning provider must provide at least one indoor bathroom in the licensed space that has the following:

- (a) One working flush toilet.
 - (i) Toilets must be an appropriate height and size for enrolled children. A platform may be used to accommodate the height and size of children. Platforms must be easily cleanable and resistant to moisture and slipping.
 - (ii) Center early learning programs licensed after this chapter becomes effective must have one working flush toilet for every fifteen children and staff. A child in diapers does not count for purposes of toilet calculations until the child begins toilet training.
 - (iii) Toilets for staff may be located outside of licensed space on the premises.
- (b) One working sink and faucet.
 - (i) Sinks and faucets must be an appropriate height and size for children. A platform may be used to accommodate the height and size of children. Platforms must be easily cleanable and resistant to moisture and slipping.
 - (ii) A faucet used for handwashing must provide warm running water.
 - (iii) Sinks and faucets must be located inside the bathroom or immediately outside the bathroom.
 - (iv) Sinks and faucets for staff may be outside of licensed space on the early learning premises.
 - (v) Water controls on bathroom sinks must be accessible for the intended user.
 - (vi) Bathroom sinks must not be used as a drinking source or for food preparation.
 - (vii) Center early learning programs must have one working sink and faucet for every fifteen children and staff.
- (c) A means of providing privacy for children who demonstrate the need for privacy while toileting;
- (d) A toilet paper dispenser for each toilet that is appropriate for the height and size of children;
- (e) An operable window or exhaust fan; and
- (f) An easily cleanable floor.
 - (i) Floors must have a washable surface;
 - (ii) Be resistant to moisture; and
 - (iii) Cleaned and disinfected daily, or more often as needed.

(2) If an early learning program space is equipped with a bathtub or shower, the provider must:

- (a) Only give a bath or shower to a child with consent from that child's parent or guardian;

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- (b) Only use the bath or shower:
 - (i) To clean a child after an accident, such as diarrhea or vomiting; or
 - (ii) During overnight care hours.
 - (c) Ensure the area around a bathtub or shower is resistant to slipping or equipped with a conveniently located grab bar; and
 - (d) Keep the bathtub or shower inaccessible to children when not in use by children (in center early learning programs only).
- (3) An early learning provider must discuss toilet training procedures with that child's parent or guardian when a child is ready for training. A provider must facilitate the toilet training process by encouraging the child with:
- (a) Positive reinforcement (which may not include food items);
 - (b) Culturally sensitive methods;
 - (c) Developmentally appropriate methods; and
 - (d) A toilet training routine developed in agreement with the parent or guardian.
- (4) An early learning provider may use a modified toilet seat if it is cleaned and disinfected using a safe disinfectant at least daily or more often if soiled.
- (5) Toilet training equipment must be cleaned in a sink not used for food preparation, handwashing, or clean up.
- (a) A family home early learning program may use a bathtub or multipurpose sink to clean toilet training equipment unless it is used for food preparation.
 - (b) The sink, basin, or bathtub in a family home early learning program used to clean toilet training equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after each use with a safe disinfectant.
- (6) If a child is developmentally ready, and an early learning provider uses a stand-up diapering procedure, it must be done in the bathroom or a diaper changing area.

WAC 110-300-0221 Diaper changing areas and disposal.

- (1) A center early learning provider must have a designated diaper changing area, including stand-up diapering, for each classroom or for every age grouping of children who require diapering. Only one diaper changing area is required at a family home early learning provider.
- (a) A diaper changing area must:
 - (i) Be separate from areas where food is stored, prepared, or served;
 - (ii) Have a sink with hot and cold running water, not used for food preparation and clean up;
 - (iii) Have a sturdy surface or mat that:
 - (A) Is not torn or repaired with tape;
 - (B) Is washable;
 - (C) Has a moisture resistant surface that is cleanable; and
 - (D) Is large enough to prevent the area underneath the diaper changing area from being contaminated with bodily fluids.

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- (iv) Be on moisture resistant, washable material that horizontally or vertically surrounds and extends at least two feet from the diaper changing station and handwashing area; and
 - (v) Be uncluttered and not used for storage of any items not used in diapering a child.
 - (b) An early learning provider must not leave a child unattended on the diaper changing surface or mat during the diaper changing process;
 - (c) An early learning provider must not use safety belts on diaper changing tables because they are neither cleanable nor safe; and
 - (d) An early learning provider must post an easily viewable diaper changing procedure at each station and must follow each step described in the procedure.
- (2) If an early learning provider uses a diaper changing station, the station must:
- (a) Have a handwashing sink within arm's reach of, or be readily accessible to, an early learning provider to prevent cross contamination; and
 - (b) Be on moisture resistant, washable material that horizontally or vertically surrounds and extends at least two feet from the diaper changing station and handwashing area; and either:
 - (i) A table or counter large enough to accommodate the length of a child, with a protective barrier at least three and one-half inches high on all sides from the surface the child lays on; or
 - (ii) A wall mounted diaper changing station that meets manufacturer guidelines and specifications in addition to the requirements of this section.
- (3) If an early learning provider uses reusable or cloth diapers, the diapers must:
- (a) Not be rinsed;
 - (b) Be placed in a securely sealed moisture impervious bag;
 - (c) Be stored in a separate disposal container; and
 - (d) Be delivered to a commercial laundry service or given to the child's parent or guardian at least daily.
- (4) An early learning provider must provide a container designated for disposing of soiled diapers and diapering supplies only. The diaper disposal container must be:
- (a) Hands-free and covered with a lid to prevent cross contamination;
 - (b) Lined with a disposable plastic trash bag; and
 - (c) Within arm's length of the diaper changing area.