



Hello!

Welcome to the quarterly Infant and Toddler Newsletter. With this publication, the Technical Assistance Coordinator/Infant & Toddler Specialist for the Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center, Cheryl Willis, will be provide information, resources, strategies, ideas, and activities for child care providers who serve children birth to age three. Enjoy this new resource!

HAPPY FALL!



Helpful Hints: Potty Training

Potty Training, need I say more? It is a complex process, and it can be tricky to know what the best approach is because every child learns differently, and there is no best way to teach the skills needed.

Here are tips and resources for you to use provided by Pampers on the link below:

- 1) **Make sure the child is ready.**
- 2) **Use a sticker chart to track (and reward) progress.**
- 3) **Use the potty before bedtime and after waking.**
- 4) **Place the potty in a convenient spot.**
- 5) **Get on a potty schedule.**
- 6) **Don't expect miracles in a few days.**
- 7) **Remember regression can happen.**
- 8) **Don't punish mistakes.**
- 9) **Have "magic" tricks like having books available to read.**
- 10) **Give boys extra time.**

Good Luck & Happy Potty Training!!

<https://www.pampers.com/en-us/toddler/potty-training/article/potty-training-tips-step-by-step-potty-training>

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Special points of interest:

- *MSCCA Conference by the Sea 2020 will be virtual starting September 24th—27th.*
<https://mscca.org/conference-by-the-sea-2020/>
- *Maryland's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project is Open!* <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/infant-and-early-childhood-mental-health-iecmh-consultation-project>
- *September is National Preparedness Month*
- *September is Baby Safety Month*



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FYI: The Infant and Toddler Advisory Board provides feedback and suggestions to improve the infant and toddler services offered by the LSCCRC. They meet quarterly to plan events to support other infant and toddler providers in the lower shore area. If you would like to support the advisory board please look for up coming events in the E-blast and on social media.

Specialized Training for Infants and Toddlers & Networking Group Sessions

- *September 10th—Infant and Toddler STEM @ 6:30pm—8:30pm*
- *September 16th—"Viewing Trauma through Infant & Toddler Eyes" @ 6:30pm—7:30pm. (Infant & Toddler Network Session)*
- *October 21st—"Supporting Autonomy in Toddlers" @ 6:30pm—7:30pm (Infant & Toddler Network Session)*
- *November 18th—"Transitions for Infants and Toddlers" @ 6:30pm—7:30pm (Infant & Toddler Network Session)*
- *December 16th—"Increased Challenging Behaviors During Challenging Times" @ 6:30pm—7:30pm (Infant & Toddler Network Session)*



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Infant and Toddler Activity

September is Baby Safety Month. Parents and caregivers have many responsibilities, but keeping baby safe and healthy is a number one priority!

Ways for you and your families to observe Baby Safety Month;

- **Spread awareness on social media.** Babies grow rapidly and so do their needs, so spreading awareness of this month is helpful for all families struggling to keep up and maintain a safe environment for their child.
- **Educate yourself.** JPMA (Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association) offers many kits for baby safety, specific to what you are looking

for. There's nothing lacking for new parents and those who work with children!

- **Invest in safe baby products.** Read up on what poses a threat to babies and make sure it's far out of reach or locked away.

Why is Baby Safety Month important? JPMA initiated Baby Safety Month in 1991 to educate parents and caregivers on the importance of the safe use and selection of juvenile products. Even if you have the best parenting instincts on Earth, caring for a new life that depends upon you is no easy feat. Every parent has an equipment wish list, and now they can be assured each item on it is as safe as possible. This is the per-

fect excuse to splurge on the nice one, the one that even somewhat goes with the kitchen décor...what, can't safety look good, too?

<https://www.madesafe.org/find-products/baby-child/>

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Business-Education/Durable-Infant-or-Toddler-Products>

