

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Department of Early Education and Care  
**DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Regulations for licensed child care facilities require this information to be on file to address the needs of children while in care.

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information for Infants and Toddlers (marked \*) as appropriate to the age of your child.

**DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY**

Age began sitting: \_\_\_\_\_ crawling: \_\_\_\_\_ walking: \_\_\_\_\_ talking: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Does your child pull up? \_\_\_\_\_ \*Crawl? \_\_\_\_\_ \*Walk with support? \_\_\_\_\_

Any speech difficulties? \_\_\_\_\_

Special words to describe needs \_\_\_\_\_

Language spoken at home \_\_\_\_\_ \*Any history of colic? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Does your child use pacifier or suck thumb? \_\_\_\_\_ \*When? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Does your child have a fussy time? \_\_\_\_\_ \*When? \_\_\_\_\_

\*How do you handle this time? \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH**

Any known complications at birth? \_\_\_\_\_

Serious illnesses and/or hospitalizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Special physical conditions, disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies (i.e. asthma, hay fever, insect bites, medicine, food reactions):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Regular medications: \_\_\_\_\_

**EATING HABITS**

Special characteristics or difficulties: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If infant is on a special formula, describe its preparation in detail:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite foods: \_\_\_\_\_

Foods refused: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Is your child fed held in lap? \_\_\_\_\_ High chair? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Does your child eat with spoon? \_\_\_\_\_ Fork? \_\_\_\_\_ Hands? \_\_\_\_\_

**TOILET HABITS**

\*Are disposable or cloth diapers used? \_\_\_\_\_ \*Is there a frequent occurrence of diaper rash?

\*Do you use: oil: \_\_\_\_\_ powder: \_\_\_\_\_ lotion: \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Are bowel movements regular? \_\_\_\_\_ How many per day? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Is there a problem with diarrhea? \_\_\_\_\_ Constipation? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Has toilet training been attempted? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please describe any particular procedure to be used for your child at the center: \_\_\_\_\_

\*What is used at home? Potty chair? \_\_\_\_\_ Special child seat? \_\_\_\_\_ Regular seat? \_\_\_\_\_

\*How does your child indicate bathroom needs (include special words): \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child ever reluctant to use the bathroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have accidents? \_\_\_\_\_

### SLEEPING HABITS

\*Does your child sleep in a crib? \_\_\_\_\_ Bed? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child become tired or nap during the day (include when and how long)? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: The American Academy of Pediatrics has determined that placing a baby on his/her back to sleep reduces the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). SIDS is the sudden and unexplained death of a baby under one year of age. If your child does not usually sleep on his/her back, please contact your pediatrician immediately to discuss the best sleeping position for your baby. Please also take the time to discuss your child's sleeping position with your caregiver.*

When does your child go to bed at night? \_\_\_\_\_ and get up in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any special characteristics or needs (stuffed animal, story, mood on waking etc) \_\_\_\_\_

### SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

How would you describe your child? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous experience with other children/day care: \_\_\_\_\_

Reaction to strangers: \_\_\_\_\_ Able to play alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite toys and activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Fears (the dark, animals, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

How do you comfort your child? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the method of behavior management/discipline at home? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like your child to gain from this childcare experience? \_\_\_\_\_

### DAILY SCHEDULE

Please describe your child's schedule on a typical day. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else we should know about your child? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date