

Sanitation – Cribs, Bedding, Clothing, Cloth Toys

Policy/Approach:

SOCFC is committed to ensuring the health and safety of each child and family we serve. For this reason, and in compliance with Head Start Program Performance Standards and state licensing regulations, this procedure clearly defines sanitation of cribs, bedding, and clothing items.

Head Start Program Performance Standards:

1302.47(b)(2) – Safety Practices – Equipment and materials

Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care:

OAR 414-300-0030 – Center Management – General Requirements

OAR 414-300-0180 (4)(a) – Sanitation – Maintenance

Our procedures are subject to adjustment based on Public Health needs or advisory from either our local, state or federal governing bodies. Any temporary modifications to procedures in this event will be documented and shared with staff.

Procedures:

1. Sleeping mats and crib protective plastic covers will be cleaned and sanitized:
 - a. At the end of every week.
 - b. Whenever visibly soiled.
 - c. If a different child uses the crib, mat, or futon.
2. Clean surface with soap and water, rinse with tap water, spray Buckeye Sanitizing Solution completely covering the mat, let stand for a minimum of 1 minute; wipe with paper towels or allow to air dry.
3. If mats and crib protective plastic covers are soiled with body fluids, they must be disinfected with Buckeye Disinfecting Solution. Put on gloves and thoroughly clean contaminated surfaces with soap and water; rinse with tap water; spray with the disinfecting solution; let stand for a minimum of 10 minutes; wipe with a paper towel or allow to air dry.

4. Bedding, dramatic play clothes, and pillow covers will be laundered:
 - a. At the end of every week
 - b. Whenever visibly soiled
 - c. When lice has been present in the classroom
5. Hats and shoes in the dramatic play area will be cleaned when visibly soiled, or when lice has been present in the classroom.
6. Bibs used during feeding will be laundered after each use.
7. Soft toys, such as stuffed animals, are laundered when visibly soiled or when lice has been present in the classroom.