

# Magical Beginnings

## Oral Health Non-Participation Form

In January 2010, EEC issued new regulations for child care programs that include a requirement that educators assist children with brushing their teeth if children are in care for more than four hours or if children have a meal while in care [606 CMR 7.11(11)(d)]. This regulation is intended to:

- Help children learn about the importance of good oral health
- Provide information and resources regarding good oral health to child care programs and families
- Help address the high incidence of tooth decay among young children in Massachusetts, which is associated with numerous health risks.

EEC licensed programs must comply with this regulation. However, parents may choose that their child(ren) not participate in tooth brushing while present at the child care program.

Please fill out the information found below. A separate form must be filled out for each child in care. This form must be renewed annually and will be kept in your child's record at the program. Should you change your mind and wish for your child to start or stop participating in tooth brushing, this form may be resubmitted at any time changing your request.

Thank you.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I do **NOT** wish to have my child participate in tooth brushing while in care at:

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO** wish to have my child participate in tooth brushing while in care at:

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**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_