

ORAL HEALTH NON-PARTICIPATION FORM

In January 2010, DEEC 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.

DEEC 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.

You do not need to fill out this form to have your child(ren) participate in tooth brushing while in care. However, if you **do not want** your child to brush while s/he is in care, you must fill out the form below. A separate form is required 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 Should you change your mind and wish to have your child participate in tooth brushing, this form may be withdrawn at any time by requesting in writing that it be removed.

I DO NOT WISH TO HAVE MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN TOOTHBRUSHING WHILE AT

ERDMAN PRESCHOOL

Child's name _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

If you have questions or concerns, please call or speak to Debby (781-545-9309).