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POLICY - CHILDREN'S JEWELRY, HAIR ACCESSORIES & FOOTWEAR

For the safety of all of our children, Early Head Start and Head Start children may not wear hair beads, hair barrettes/bobby pins, pony tail holders with balls (etc.) on the ends, jewelry (including earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings), or flip-flops/open-toed sandals or slide-on shoes with no back to the program.

It is normal for infants, toddlers and even preschoolers to put things in their mouths - especially pretty or interesting things. Children can choke on small objects and choking can lead to serious injury or even death.

For creative ways to do your child's hair, you may use rubber hair bands, plain scrunchies (without beads etc. attached), plain fabric headbands and ribbons.

Children cannot be allowed to be in the centers or ride on ACHR buses with prohibited hair items or jewelry or footwear as listed above. Children walking into the center wearing listed hair items or jewelry that cannot be immediately removed or footwear that cannot be replaced by the parent will be sent home with the parent.

We know no parent would want to be the one whose child wore something that caused a child to be hurt or injured. Thank you for your understanding.

By the way, please also be aware of the size of objects your child can reach in your home or car. According to sources such as *better health.vic.gov*, any object smaller than a ping-pong ball can be a choking threat to an infant or young child. This includes small lids, marbles, latex balloons, loose buttons, coins, tiny batteries, small stones [when outdoors], hard candies, and even whole grapes.)

This policy applies at all times, including programs and graduations.