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POLICY:

The Early Childhood Program will promote effective oral health hygiene by ensuring all children are assisted by appropriate staff in brushing their teeth with toothpaste containing fluoride once daily.

PROCEDURE:

Preschool staff should assist children in brushing their teeth using a smear of fluoride toothpaste and should ensure children do not rinse their mouth or swallow the toothpaste. Staff will demonstrate/model by brushing their own teeth as well. Staff members will distribute toothbrushes to eliminate the possibility of cross contamination. Each toothbrush is clearly labeled with the child's name. Toothbrushes are stored upright in a portable toothbrush holder. Brushes are not in contact with each other. Staff will rinse the toothbrushes with water to remove food debris after brushing.

Toothbrush holders are sanitized with the Toothbrush Sanitizer weekly or more often as needed. Toothbrushes will be replaced every three months or sooner as needed.