

## Hilltop Children's Center Permissions

Please initial that you have read each of the following Hilltop policies and complete the bottom section. If you have questions about any of these policies, please speak with someone in the office.

### \_\_\_\_\_ *Field Trips*

I grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in all the field trips, swimming excursions, and local walks that occur on the days when s/he will be attending Hilltop. I understand that on most field trips the children will walk or use public transportation. On special trips, where cars or vans are used, it will be with a licensed, insured driver, and each child will use a booster seat or seat belt, depending on age. The staff will take with them a copy of the *Emergency Contact List and Consent for Emergency Treatment Form* that I filled out at the time of registration.

### \_\_\_\_\_ *Sunscreen*

State licensing requirements permit childcare facilities to apply sunscreen to children **only with written consent from the parent/guardian**. Please initial if you would like your child to use sunscreen during the summer. We will provide Coppertone Water Babies Sunscreen 45 SPF. If you would like your child to use a different brand, you must supply it yourself, along with a completed medication form. We highly recommend that all children use a sunscreen of SPF 45, and that application is done before arriving at Hilltop. Please select one of the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ yes, Hilltop may apply sunscreen to my child  
\_\_\_\_\_ no, Hilltop may not apply sunscreen to my child

### \_\_\_\_\_ *Videos and Photos*

I give permission for Hilltop Children's Center and its representatives to use still photos, samples of my child's drawings, and video footage of my child's activities at Hilltop in the production of written materials and videotapes for early childhood educators and the public. I understand that these photos, samples, and videotapes may appear in forms such as display panels, brochures, videos, books, articles, and the Hilltop website. I agree that I am to receive no compensation for my child's appearance. I also understand that my child's appearance confers on me no ownership rights to the photographs, negatives, video footage, or training or marketing materials whatsoever.

### \_\_\_\_\_ *Pet Policy*

Hilltop currently has 2 guinea pigs on the premises. They live in the Mountain room. This pet policy is to inform all parents and staff of the following:

Allergies & Health Risks: The most common health risk with guinea pigs is allergic reaction. Exposure has been associated with occupational asthma. About 10% of allergen activity is found on particles small enough to penetrate into the lower respiratory tract. Allergenic components are found in dander, fur, urine, and saliva.

Basic Care: One of the teachers is assigned the responsibility for cleaning the cage weekly. This includes double bagging the used bedding and putting it in the garbage in the janitor's closet. The teacher also checks the food and water upon arrival and departure. Water is replaced daily.

Curriculum: The teachers follow an emergent curriculum with the guinea pigs. They address any questions the children may have as they arise. They explain to the children the importance of gently handling the animals and washing hands after coming into contact with them. When a child holds a guinea pig, a towel will be placed across their lap with the guinea pig on top of the towel.

When Pets Become Ill: Should a guinea pig show any signs of illness, it will be removed from the facility until it has been seen and treated by a veterinarian. Written proof of vet visits will be kept on file.

Other: All who have contact with the guinea pigs will wash their hands immediately after the contact.

When seeking medical advice for illness, it is a good idea to inform your physician that your child may have had contact with guinea pigs.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_