



Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### **KidzStuff Child Care Center Biting Protocol**

Although biting is sometimes a normal method of communication in pre-verbal children, for the safety of our children and staff, all biting is considered unacceptable behavior at KidzStuff Child Care Center.

There are 2 types of biting:

1. Play or test biting; this type of biting does not leave a mark or break the skin.
2. Aggressive biting; this type of biting leaves teeth marks, cause a break in the skin or draws blood.

If biting occurs:

1. Parents will be notified if their child bites or is bitten. The name of the biting child will not be released to the parent of the bitten child.
2. The child who play or test bites will be positively re-directed away from the situation. This child will be closely supervised, and behavior will be monitored to prevent further incidents.
3. The child who aggressively bites will be removed from the area but will remain under direct supervision.
4. The child who is bitten aggressively will receive first aid as appropriate. If the injury requires more than first aid, the parent/authorized individual will be notified to pick the child up and take him/her for care.

Incidents or play or test biting shall be handled progressively as follows:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> incident of biting; parent notification and review of KidzStuff Child Care Center
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> incident of biting; parent notification, review of Rising Sun Biting Protocol
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> incident of biting; KidzStuff Child Care Center's Director/Asst. Director will decide on continued enrollment at the center.

Any incident of aggressive biting will be reviewed by the Center's Director/Asst. Director and a determination will be made about intervention and the appropriateness of the child's continued enrollment at the center.

Date of review: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Authorized Individual Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy given to parent/guardian? Y/N