



# What to do about MRSA in Childcare

## Assessment of Policies, Procedures & Behavior

<b>Instructions for Use of Assessment Tool</b> <b>Selecting Date/Time:</b> Choose one to two hours during a typical day and observe childcare workers and children to see how much of the time their behaviors follow policies and procedures. Give feedback to employees on how well they are doing, what needs to be improved. Use this assessment tool periodically to monitor progress. <b>Scoring:</b> Use the adjacent scale to score each item listed. Are available opportunities taken sometimes, half the time, most of the time or almost all the time?	0=	never (0%)	
	1=	sometimes (25%)	
	2=	half the time (50%)	
	3=	most of the time (75%)	
	4=	almost all the time(>75%)	
NA=	not applicable		
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	<b>Assessment Date:</b>		
<b>Name of person doing assessment:</b>	<b>Number of opportunities</b>	<b>Opportunities taken</b>	<b>Score (1, 2, 3 or 4)</b>
<b>Childcare Worker/Parent Interaction During Drop Off at Center/Home</b>			
Promotes hand washing as a parent-child transition time			
Assesses child's wellness, asks guardian appropriate questions			
<b>Workers' Behaviors</b>			
Minimize hand and wrist jewelry ( <i>wedding ring &amp; watch only</i> )			
Keep natural nails less than 1/4" long; no acrylic nails/extenders			
Wear gloves during diaper changes ( <i>one pair of gloves for each diaper change</i> )			
Wear gloves when touching anyone's cuts, scrapes and mucous membranes			
<b>Hand Hygiene for Staff</b>			
Wash hands using soap and warm water			
➤ Prior to starting work day			
➤ Before and after feeding a child			
➤ If hands are dirty			
➤ After changing a diaper			
➤ After wiping a child's nose			
<b>One Time Use Items (Use for one interaction with one child)</b>			
➤ Gloves			
➤ Tissues ( <i>Never wipe the child and a surface with the same item</i> )			
➤ Washcloth			
➤ Disposable cloth ( <i>Change cloths between surfaces and/or when cloth is dry</i> )			
<b>Hygiene for Children</b>			
➤ Assisted by staff to follow 4 steps of hand washing or follows by self			
➤ Keeps open cuts and sores covered at all times			
<b>Policy and Procedures</b>			
Have written infection control policies/procedures accessible ( <i>staff, children, environment</i> )			
Have "sample" letter available to notify parents when someone has MRSA			
<b>Environmental Cleaning</b>			
Have correct concentration of bleach solution <u>labeled</u> with date & amount of bleach in each quart; solution <u>discarded daily</u>			
Clean and sanitize mouth toys between children			
Clean and sanitize surfaces that have frequent "hand" contact, such as changing tables, play tables, high chairs, door knobs etc. (Clean visibly dirty surfaces using friction, then rinse, then sanitize surface with bleach solution)			
<b>Add all scores, the highest possible score is 88. (Optimal score for each behavior is between 3 and 4)</b>			