

CREATIVE MINDS MONTESSORI SEVERE ALLERGY POLICY

Administering emergency Treatment to Children with Severe Allergies

Children with severe allergies, such as allergies to bee stings, peanut products, etc. may be at risk of a serious allergic reaction in a child care setting due to contact with or ingestion of the allergen. Contact with these allergens may result in anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction with symptoms that may include swelling of the face and lips, hives, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing. Ultimately, anaphylaxis may cause a fall in blood pressure, unconsciousness, and death. The Creative Minds Montessori School is concerned for the health and safety of all children in our care. Accordingly, when enrolling/enrolled child is known to have a severe, life threatening allergy, the following is required.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must complete and/or provide the following:

- A signed copy of the Creative Minds Montessori School's "Authorization for Emergency Care for Children with Severe Allergies" (Authorization Form). This form must be filled out completely by the child's physician and parent(s), and must be updated every six months. The Authorization Form is designed to provide the Creative Minds Montessori School with the information necessary to ensure proper preventative measures and an effective response to a serious allergic reaction. In addition, the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall provide a copy of any other physician's orders and procedural guidelines relating to the prevention and treatment of the child's allergy.
- A signed copy of the Creative Minds Montessori School's "Release and Waiver of Liability for Administering emergency Treatment to Children with Severe Allergies" ("Waiver"). The Waiver releases the Creative Minds Montessori School and its employee from liability for administering treatment to children with severe allergies (including the administration of epinephrine) and taking any other necessary actions set forth in the Authorization Form, provided that, the Creative Montessori School exercises reasonable care in taking such actions.
- All equipment and medications needed by the Creative Minds Montessori School to comply with the instructions set forth in the Authorization Form (including, but not limited to, a device such as the EpiPen, Jr.) The parent(s)/guardian(s) is responsible for ensuring that all medication is properly labeled and in original container by a pharmacist and replaced prior to the expiration date.