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Preparing your Infant for Smooth Transition

We understand that bringing your baby to child care for the first time can be an extremely overwhelming experience. Our goal is to help ensure a smooth transition from your care to ours. Here are a few steps that you can do to make the change a little easier.

Bottle Ready

We support every mother's right and choice to breast feed. Whether it be formula or breast milk, children need these important nutrients daily to ensure their continued growth. Introducing your baby to the bottle and being comfortable with both the breast and the bottle will help make that transition much more fluid. Every baby is different and some babies will not have trouble with the breast/bottle transition and some will. Introduction to the bottle prior to your child beginning care will allow for smooth sailing.

Allow others to care for your baby

It is never easy letting others care for your child, especially in the first few weeks. However, it is important that your baby is introduced and cared for by others to reduce separation anxiety and for ease of soothing in those sad times. Allowing and even encouraging others hold, feed, and play with your baby helps introduce them to new experiences and new people.

Visit the Room

Bear Buddies welcomes you and your child to visit your child's room as many times as you would like prior to baby's first day. Spending time in the classroom with your baby is a great way to acclimate baby to new sights, sounds, and smells. Visitation time is also a great way for you to get to know your baby's teacher.