



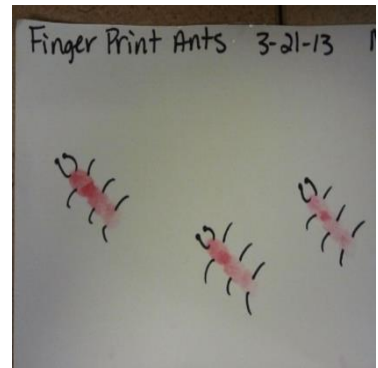
## Toddler Art Tip Sheet

Young toddlers, children between 12 and 23 months, should have art activities available to them at least 3 times a week. Older toddlers, children between 24 and 36 months should have free access to simple art materials daily. Infants, children under 12 months, are not required by All STARS to participate in art activities.

All materials used should be safe, age appropriate, and support individual expression.



Materials provided to the children should be open-ended and encourage creative expression. The picture of painted coffee filters is an example of art done by this age group. The fingerprint ant picture is not considered to be creative art, due to the process and the final product.



Children's art should be displayed throughout the classroom where it can be easily viewed by the children.

Teachers should help to facilitate use of art materials. This could include: taping paper on the table; putting messy materials in smaller containers, etc.

### Examples of materials\*

Young Toddlers (12 – 23 months): large crayons, paper, finger paint, chalk and board.

Children should be offered at least 3 different types of art experiences/materials throughout the week.

Older Toddlers (24 – 36 months): large crayons, paper, finger paint, chalk and board, watercolor markers, tempera paints, painting tools, scissors, play dough, stickers, collage materials, etc. Art activities should be done daily with older toddlers and children should be offered at least 3 different types of art experiences/materials throughout the week and there must be variation within the materials. For example: color and size of paper, size of brushes, different art materials offered, types of brushes used, tools used with play dough, etc. Children should also have independent access to simple art materials – i.e. crayons and paper, chalk and board.

\*all art materials should be non-toxic