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Issue: Does Section 604.8.1.7 of the FACBC mandate the requirement to provide a lavatory within a single user toilet room as it specifically relates to the Creative World School Project in which there are single user toilet rooms serving the following rooms/spaces that are designed only with a toilet and the lavatory is located outside of the toilet room in a daycare center serving Toddlers, and children Two to Four years old?

Comment: Childcare facilities have unique programmatic requirements which necessitate the ability of their staff to assist children in hand washing by providing the lavatory outside of the toilet room. In addition, within the childcare facility restroom facilities are provided for the public and staff that meet the restroom and fixture requirements of the Florida Building Code, Plumbing.

Answer: Section 604.8.1.7 of the FACBC does not require the lavatory to be within the single user toilet room for facilities that are serving children up to 12 years old, and the lavatory can be located outside of the toilet room to meet the specific programmatic needs of the facility.

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