



Most kids are fully potty trained by **36 to 38 months**.

Call the Potty Pro!

Admit it: You are *soooo* dreading potty training. But maybe you don't have to: Just like childproofing and sleep training, there are now potty pros who can do the dirty work for you. The experts (in-home or over-the-phone) educate parents on what's normal (accidents) and what's not (withholding a BM). They clue you in to how food and drink

impact potty results, as well as offer support and success strategies. "Many parents have waited so long to train, they've run into power struggles. Others are too busy to tackle the task on their own," says Jill Lekovic, M.D., a pediatrician and founder of smartpottytraining.com, in Los Angeles. Depending on the service, having a diaper-free kid'll cost you

anywhere from a \$450 flat fee to as much as—wait for it—\$700 an hour. Interested? In addition to Dr. Lekovic's site, try doctordaum.com—run by Harvard-educated pediatric gastroenterologist Fred Daum, M.D.—or International Potty Training Services (pottytrainingservices.com), which even offers a money-back guarantee! —Holly Pevzner

Modern Art

Designer **Todd Oldham** has taken classic art supplies and turned them on their ear in his Kid Made Modern collection for Target. From crazy multicolor crayons to neon duct tape to comic-book kits, there's something to thrill every kid. (\$4 to \$20; target.com)



WE ASKED, YOU SAID...



A GPS for Kids?

Some daycare centers are using GPS systems and other devices to track kids on outings. Is the added security smart, or does it make staff less alert? We asked our Facebook fans.

60%
Smart!

"You *can't* be too cautious with children. I love the idea." —C.G.

"I was recently *criticized* for using a baby harness with my 15-month-old, but I never worried about her taking off or someone snatching her!" —C.D.

"As a daycare teacher, I like the idea. I personally wouldn't be less attentive or alert to the kids in my care." —K.B.

"As long as it's not a *GPS implant*. That will be next—LOL!" —A.H.

40%
Scary!

"It would *make the caregivers lazy*. All they have to do is push a button to find the kid instead of actually staying with the children?" —C.A.

"I don't think I would enroll my child in a daycare that uses GPS. It might make the daycare staff too comfortable and *slack on watching* the kids." —C.H.

"What happens *when the GPS does not work or breaks down* and the staff has been depending on it?" —A.A.R.

"Technology is great in helping us to raise children, but it *shouldn't be used to babysit* them." —M.S.