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Individual Tales from the Potty Training Trenches

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Potty Copy Cats

Having an older sibling to model potty behavior is great, but sometimes an adult of the same sex is just as good – maybe better.

"I have a 6-year-old daughter, and her potty training experience was completely fueled by her desire to be just like Mommy," says Chuck Casto of Sudbury, Mass. "She followed Mommy into the bathroom every time she could and simply mimicked her."

What Casto learned? Don't put too much pressure on the child. Coincidentally, Casto does PR for [CSN Stores](#), an eclectic online retailer. What he's learned from his job is that if he has a boy, he's going to invest in a little item called the [Peter Potty](#). It's a child-sized urinal that teaches boys to pee standing up without the mess or frustration of using the "big" toilet.

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