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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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CHILD WATCH PARENT HANDBOOK

M - TH 8AM-1:15PM
3:30-7:30PM
FRI. 8AM-1:15PM
SAT. 10AM-2PM
SUN. CLOSED

**CHILDREN
MAY ONLY
STAY FOR A
MAXIMUM OF
1 HRS./VISIT**



Child Watch

Visiting Child Watch should be a safe, positive and happy experience for every child. We are proud to offer Child Watch to our members and guests. All of the staff are trained in CPR/AED, first aid and bloodborne pathogens as well as receiving ongoing training. Child Watch is more than just care for children; it's an opportunity to learn, create, play, empower and grow. Our highly trained and caring staff have a shared commitment to excellence in service and child development.

Child Watch staff will welcome your child in a warm and safe environment. With a wide range of activities to stimulate your child's creativity, self-esteem and independence. Our values-based program will help young children learn essential social, physical and intellectual building blocks.

For safety purposes only YMCA employees and YMCA volunteers are allowed behind the gate for extended periods of time. All of our staff and volunteers undergo background checks and extensive YMCA training to ensure child safety. Child Watch is committed to providing a safe and quality experience for your children.

Ages and Hours of Operations

Ages: 8 weeks to 7 years old

Monday - Thursday 8am - 1:15pm and 3:30pm-7:30pm

Friday 8am - 1:15pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

Sunday closed

Registration for Child Watch

Registration for Child Watch is processed at the Welcome Center.

\$25 a month, \$8 drop in

Arrival and Departure

When dropping your child off, you are welcome to stay for a few minutes to get your child acclimated, however, for safety reasons, we cannot allow parents, guardians, or other caregivers to stay in the room. Parents/guardians must remain on the premises at all times or participate in a YMCA program to ensure they are easily and readily accessible in case of emergency.

After you complete your visit to the YMCA, our friendly Child Watch staff will check your child out of our program. Children are never released to an individual who did not sign the child in unless prior permission is given by the parent/guardian before they leave and proper identification is shown.

Visit Time Limit

There is a 1 hour time limit per child per visit in Child Watch. Thank you for being punctual to pick up your child.

Bathrooms

Child Watch is not a licensed child care program and therefore we have a hands off diaper policy. If your child needs diapering or assistance in the bathroom, staff will page you to come to Child Watch to help your child.

Inconsolable Child

If the Child Watch staff is unable to console a child after 10 minutes of continuous distress, we will page the parent to return to Child Watch. We will make every effort to comfort your child, but we do not want any child to have an unhappy experience.

Food

In order to keep our Child Watch area safe for all children, including those with food allergies, there will be NO food, gum, candy or drinks permitted in the Child Watch area. If your infant will need a bottle please make sure that the bottle is clearly labeled with your child's name.

Sick Children

In an effort to maintain everyone's health and well-being, the following guidelines **MUST** be strictly followed. Please respect the health of the other children in our care by cooperating with us. An ill child will not be admitted and children who become ill may not remain in Child Watch. For the safety of your child as well as the other children in Child Watch, you may not bring a child to our program for 24 hours after having any of the following symptoms:

- A fever
- Intestinal disturbance accompanied by diarrhea or vomiting
- Any undiagnosed rash
- Sore or discharging eyes or ears
- Profuse, colored nasal discharge
- A communicable disease

Children must be free of all of the above symptoms and show no signs of illness when entering the program. All children must be able to participate in the normal daily schedule (outdoor play included). Child Watch staff cannot administer medication.

Personal items, toys and electronic devices

All personal items that you bring to Child Watch must be labeled with your child's name. We ask that you do not bring your child's toys or electronic devices to Child Watch; they may get lost or broken and it is often difficult for a child to share them with other children. While we are respectful of personal property and will do our best to safeguard these items, the Y is not responsible for loss or damage to personal items.

Footwear

We recommend closed toe shoes for all children over the age of 1 year or any mobile children younger than 1 year.

Babysitting

We are pleased that you feel comfortable and confident in our employees and that you may want them to babysit or transport children after hours; however, it is against the YMCA's policy and could be grounds for employee termination.