



Child Watch Parent Information

WELCOME TO YMCA CHILD WATCH!

The Child Watch program is a free service provided to our members with a family or single parent family membership while they workout or participate in YMCA programs. Parents are required to remain in the building while their child is in the Child Watch room. The staff strive to provide a variety of activities keeping the safety and security of all children in mind!

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CHILD WATCH HOURS

Mornings: Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Evenings: Monday – Thursday: 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Friday: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

CHILD WATCH AGES

6 weeks – 6 years old (when child turns 7, they are not permitted in Child Watch room)

TIME LIMIT

Children may be in the Child Watch room a maximum of ***TWO HOURS*** to allow all members the benefit of this free service. Privileges may be suspended for abusing the time maximum limit. ***PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP THEIR CHILDREN ON TIME! IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT PICKED UP BY THE TIME CHILD WATCH CLOSES, THEY WILL BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY TO YOU!***

CHANGING DIAPERS

If a child needs changing or help with toileting needs, the parent will be called to the Child Watch room to assist their child. This policy is to protect the staff and children.

CHILD WATCH PROCEDURES

Dress: All children must be dressed appropriately (shirt, pants, socks and shoes).
CHILDREN NOT WALKING NEED TO WEAR SOCKS.

Check-In: Parents must sign in at the check-in counter providing complete information (type of membership, child's full name, age parent's full name, & location in the YMCA). An instructions form **MUST** also be filled out for any child with special needs, feedings, or allergies.

MEDICINE

For liability and safety reasons, no medicine is allowed to be dispensed by our staff! All medication needs to be given before child enters Child Watch room. (See health regulations section)



*ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELED (sippy cups & diaper bags)

*ALL BOTTLES MUST BE PRE-MADE FOR OUR STAFF

TOYS, SNACKS, AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS MUST BE LEFT AT HOME

***CHILD WATCH DOES NOT FEED CHILDREN!** Please feed your child before coming.

CHECK-OUT

Only the parent of the child/children that signed in must sign the child out. Under no circumstances will a child be released to anyone different other than the parent that signed in. If there is some reason why someone else needs to pick up your child, you need to fill out an "Approved Pick Up" form. **Photo ID will be required at check out for any individual on this form.**

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

The YMCA strives to maintain a positive approach to managing children's behavior at all times. When inappropriate behavior is displayed, every effort is made to help a child understand his/her actions. Reasoning and redirection by the staff with the child is employed. When redirection has not changed the behavior, removal from the activity may be necessary. The removal time is age appropriate. When a child is not successful in correcting the behavior, the situation will be discussed with the parent. If the above process has not corrected the behavior, the child may be suspended from the program for up to 30 days. The safety & security of all children is our highest priority.

When a Child Watch staff comes to get a parent, concerning a child, the response needs to be immediate. Parents will be notified if a child cries uncontrollably for 10 minutes after every effort has been made to console a child or when a serious misbehavior has occurred. If you do not come immediately, your child will be delivered directly to you.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Please advise the Child Watch staff at check-in of any special health problems (asthma, allergies, etc.)

If antibiotics have been prescribed, a full 24 hours of treatment **MUST** be completed before attending Child Watch. No medication of any kind will be administered by our staff. Admittance is at the discretion of the Program Director.

In order to protect all children & staff, children will not be allowed in child watch and may be given a "Time Away" period if they have had any of the following within the last 24 hours:

*Fever of 100 degrees or higher

*All contagious diseases

*Vomiting

*General ill feeling

*Diarrhea

*Any undiagnosed rashes

*Green nasal discharge

*Eye drainage or Pink Eye

*Head Lice (must be cleared by Program Director)