

CHILD WATCH



Ages: 8 weeks to 7 years

Hours: **Monday–Friday** 8:30-10:00 am 10:00-11:30 am 5:00-8:15pm
Saturday 8:00-10:00 am 10:00-11:30 am

Fees: \$3.00 per child \$25.00 for a card (10 sessions)

Child Watch Rules and Regulations

Qualified Staff: YMCA’s caring and professional Child Watch Staff members are certified in CPR and First Aid to ensure the safety of your child during their visit. In addition, staff members work hard to develop a variety of age-appropriate activities to keep your child active and engaged in the Child Watch area.

Check-in: For your child’s safety, a parent/guardian is required to sign their children in and out of the YMCA Child Watch. The parent/guardian who signs the child in must also sign the child out, unless prior arrangements have been made with YMCA Staff. Upon arrival, please check in at the front desk, after payment has been made you will receive a nursery pass to be given to Child Watch staff. Members under the age of 18 are not allowed to check kids in and out of the Child Watch area.

Call ahead: It is beneficial to call ahead to reserve or verify available space for your child to allow for proper staffing. Although reservations are not required, you do run the risk of Child Watch being at full capacity. Cancellations are appreciated to allow space for other children.

Policies

Diapers: We ask that all children arrive in a dry and clean diaper as we expect them to be returned in the same way. Staff will change diapers as long as supplies are provided. We will contact you if your child needs to be changed and assistance is needed.

Shoes and Socks: For your child's safety, shoes and socks are to be worn at all times. Socks are to be worn in the play area.

Snacks: Snacks are provided at designated times. If there are any allergies, please let staff know. Donations of healthy snacks are appreciated.

Crying: For the comfort of all Child Watch participants, we will contact a parent if attempts to calm a crying child are unsuccessful for 10-15 minutes.

Leaving the Property: The Child Watch area is not a licensed child care facility; therefore, a parent/guardian MUST remain inside the YMCA facility at all times during the child's stay. Failure to comply may result in revocation of Child Watch services.

Illness: Children showing signs of illness are not allowed in the Child Watch area. A child that has had a fever, diarrhea, or nausea in the last 48 hours is not allowed in the Child Watch area. If your child has a communicable disease, illness, or head lice, please notify the staff immediately so appropriate action can be taken.

Discipline & Behavior Issues: our goal is to develop self-discipline and respect for others. When necessary the following age appropriate discipline will be used:

- Logical consequences and redirect children displaying inappropriate behavior.
- Supervised removal (timeout) may be used.
- If a child is having excessive problems (i.e. biting, hitting, etc.) the parent is contacted and the child is removed from the Child Watch area.
- If behavior issues continue, a child may be asked not to return for a period of time, decided by Melonie Beideck, SW Branch Manager.

Emergencies

Medical Incident Procedure: In the event of an accident, injury, or medical incident requiring more than basic First Aid, a child's parent/guardian will be immediately contacted and a YMCA staff member will call 911 as deemed necessary.

Tornado Procedures: in the event of a tornado, Child Watch staff will escort children to the assigned area (bathroom in Child Watch area). Parents will be able to check on their child once all the children are secured.