



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®**  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## YMCA KID ZONE

Your child's time in our Kid Zone and drop-in Nursery will be a fun, enriching experience with activities, games, and crafts that reflect the core values of the YMCA.

Our goal is to provide a safe environment with caring staff that are a positive role model for your child, personifying the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

Here are a few ways we provide a safe environment for your child:

### CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT:

- All children must have a parent/guardian (18+) signed enrollment form on file at each YMCA Kid Zone that they utilize.
- For your child's safety, a parent/guardian is required to sign their child in and out of Kid Zone.
- The parent/guardian who signs the child in must also sign the child out, unless prior arrangements have been made with Kid Zone staff. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to check kids in or out of Kid Zone.
- An updated photo of all family members is required to check children into Kid Zone.
- Kid Zone is not a licensed child care center. Because of this, the parent/guardian must remain on YMCA premises and your child's usage of Kid Zone is restricted to no more than 2 hours total per day.
- Late pick-up may result in additional fees or loss of service.
- Socks are required to be worn by children at all times.

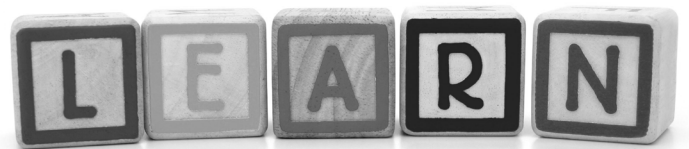
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### COMFORT OF CHILDREN:

- If a child arrives in a car seat, they will be removed for the duration of their time in the Kid Zone
- Please ensure that all children arrive in a dry and clean diaper. Staff will change diapers, as long as all supplies are provided. We will page and/or text you if we require your assistance in changing your child.
- For the comfort of all participants, we will page and/or text a parent if attempts to calm a crying child are unsuccessful for 10-15 minutes. Once paged or texted, a parent must check the child out of Kid Zone. Nursing mothers may feed infants, after they have been paged and/or texted, and return them to Kid Zone.
- If you provide food and drink for your child, please bring only water or clear juice in spill-proof cups (milk allowed ONLY for infants) and healthy snacks. Branches may vary in the type of snacks allowed. Please check with your Kid Zone specifically.
- No candy, gum, peanut products, or meals are allowed.



## KID ZONE: Fun for children ages 6 weeks to 7 years

# YMCA KID ZONE (CONTINUED)

## DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR ISSUES

Our goal is to develop self-discipline and respect for others. When necessary, the following age-appropriate discipline will be used:

- We will use logical consequences and redirect children displaying inappropriate behavior.
- In some cases, supervised removal (time out) may be used.
- If a child is having excessive problems (i.e. biting, hitting, etc.) the parent will be paged and/or texted and the child will be removed from Kid Zone.
- If behavioral issues continue, a child will be asked not to return for a period of time determined by the Kid Zone staff.

## ILLNESS AND MEDICAL INCIDENTS

- Children showing signs of illness will not be allowed in Kid Zone. A child must be symptom-free for 24 hours in order to return. A doctors note may be requested. If your child has a communicable illness or head lice, please notify the Kid Zone staff immediately so appropriate action can be taken.
- In the event of an accident, injury or medical incident requiring more than basic First Aid, a child's parent/guardian will be paged and/or texted immediately and a staff member will call 911 as deemed necessary.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY

- In the event of a fire or other evacuation situation, the Kid Zone staff will escort all children out the emergency exit to the designated safe area (see Kid Zone desk for details). Parents will be allowed to check out their child once the situation is safe and all the children are secured. In some cases, supervised removal (time out) may be used.
- In the event of a tornado, Kid Zone staff will escort children to the assigned locker room (see Kid Zone desk for details). Parents will be allowed to check out their child once all the children are safe.

## KID ZONE STAFF

- Our Kid Zone staff are certified in CPR/AED and First Aid.
- Staff attend monthly trainings and meetings to cultivate ongoing staff development.
- Staff ratios are based on number of participants, with a minimum of two staff scheduled to be present with the children
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