

# YCHILD WATCH™

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



The PlayCenter area is designated for children ages three months to twelve years old and is separated by the following ages:

## INFANTS

3 Months - 18 Months

## TODDLERS

18 Months - 3 Yrs

## PRESCHOOL

3 Yrs - 5 Yrs

## SCHOOL AGE

6 Yrs - 12 Yrs(2)

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**Monday - Friday**

### Morning

**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

### Afternoon

**3:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Saturday**

**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Sunday**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

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## **KIDS ONLY, PLEASE**

Parents are not permitted in the PlayCenter at any time during regular PlayCenter hours.

## **REASON FOR AGE GROUPINGS**

Due to staffing and age-appropriate activities in each room, we ask for your cooperation in allowing us to keep your child with the correct age group. The designated age groups ensure your child's safety, developmental and social growth.

## **RATIOS:**

**INFANTS 1:6**

**TODDLERS 1:9**

**PRESCHOOL 1:18**



## **TIME LIMIT**

There is a two-hour time limit per visit per child in the PlayCenter and up to eight hours per week. Because we are trying to accommodate many children, your cooperation regarding the time limit is appreciated. Please be considerate of our staff and other members.

## **SIGN IN / SIGN OUT**

Please sign in your child and note the time, your name and where you will be in the facility. When signing in you will be given an identification number that will be used should we need to speak with you. Your child will be given a nametag that corresponds with that number. If your child cries or seems distressed for more than ten minutes, we will locate you so that you may come and help your child. You must present your identification number at the time of pick-up. If you do not have your identification number or cannot find it, you will be asked to show a picture ID to the PlayCenter staff in order to sign your child out. If you are having someone other than yourself pick up your child, you must put that person's name on the sign in/out sheet and they will be asked to show a picture ID. This is in the best interest of your child. **SIBLINGS/CAREGIVERS UNDER 18 CANNOT CHECK A CHILD IN OR OUT.**

## **FOOD & DRINKS**

Only prepared bottles and spill-proof-sippy cups, filled with clear liquids (**no milk, except formula**) may be brought into the PlayCenter. **No other drinks or food may be brought into the PlayCenter.** This is for the safety of your child and others. All bottles and cups must be clearly labeled with the child's name.



## **BELONGINGS**

Please label any of your child's personal items brought into the PlayCenter (diaper bags, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, etc.). Pacifiers must be attached to the child's clothing with a pacifier pal or the like. For safety reasons, personal toys are not allowed. Please do not leave your personal items with your child (examples: glasses, wallet, keys or other valuable items). Please do not allow children to bring in personal toys into the PlayCenter as this may cause conflict; however, a comfort item, such as a stuffed animal or blanket, may help pacify younger children. The YMCA will not be responsible for any items left in the PlayCenter.



## **DIAPER CHANGING**

Children should be in a clean diaper/pull up when they arrive in the PlayCenter. We will routinely check diapers every hour and change the child, if needed. If you would like this done more often, let us know. Obviously, if a diaper needs changing, we will change it regardless of the hour check time. **Please provide ample supplies, we will accommodate your child as best we can.** We will notify you of any necessary replacement supplies for your next visit.

If your child is not completely potty-trained, please provide a change of clothes for your child who may have occasional potty accidents. The YMCA staff cannot assist children with any potty accidents that happen in the bathrooms, should an accident happen to your child you will be located and allowed at that time to come and assist your child. We will make every effort to help prevent such potty accidents.



## **ILLNESS/CONTAGIOUS CONDITIONS**

Any child who appears to have any illness or contagious condition including but not limited to - cold or cough, diarrhea or vomiting, nasal or ear discharge, fever, contagious rashes (chicken pox, impetigo, fifth's disease) or head lice - will be asked to be removed from our PlayCenter. The child cannot return until he/she is symptom free or has a doctor's note stating that the child is not contagious. In any case, sick children should not return for 48 hours. YMCA staff will not distribute medication.

## **STAY CLOSE**

You must remain on the YMCA grounds at all times when using the PlayCenter. This is in the best interest of your child. We do have programs such as Parents Morning Out and Parents Night Out when you are allowed to drop your child off for the designated hours, please see the program guide for more information.

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## **BEHAVIOR**

Children who have problems behaving or getting along with other children may be asked to leave for a period of two weeks. Biting, hitting, pushing, wrestling, kicking, pinching or excessive rough play is not allowed. We will ask the child to stop once, give a warning, and then if your child continues to be extremely uncooperative, we will contact you and ask that you pick up your child. Please support the following rules used in the PlayCenter:

- Care about yourself and others
- Be honest
- Be respectful
- Be responsible

## **IN THE EVENT OF AN EVACUATION**

Parents should report to the PlayCenter evacuation areas as soon as they are safely outside the building. This area is on the rear soccer fields, behind the YMCA building. Our staff has been thoroughly trained on emergency procedures and will assist members and children in the event of an emergency. You will be able to sign your child out, if you so choose, at this location.

### **QUESTIONS?**

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