

# PLAY EVERY DAY



We want your child's time in Child Watch to be a fun, enriching experience with activities, games and crafts that reflect the core values of the YMCA. We will give your child quality care while you participate in YMCA activities; provide a safe experience involving fun activities including games, stories and free play; and provide a positive role model for your child, personifying the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

## CHILD WATCH CENTER

### LOCATION

The West Y

### TIME LIMIT

Maximum of 2 hours. Fees will be charged for exceeding the time limit.

### AGES

6 weeks to 7 years

### RATES

Members: Free

Community Participants: \$3 per child per visit

\$5 fee per child per every 10 minutes past 2-hour maximum time limit.

### HOURS

Monday	8:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm-8:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday	8:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm-8:00pm
Friday	8:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday	8:00am-1:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm-4:00pm

Please contact Jenny Krajkowski at the YMCA for additional information on the Child Watch at (231) 486-6357 ext. 133 or at [jenny@gtbayymca.org](mailto:jenny@gtbayymca.org).

"Child Watch is a great perk the Y offers to members. My wife and I feel safe and confident when we drop our kids off. Great social time for them and great workout time of us."

-Marc, Y member

"I appreciate all the staff does to keep my daughter active and safe while she's in Child Watch."

-Amanda, Y member



# WELCOME

**YOUR CHILD'S TIME IN OUR CHILD WATCH CENTER DROP-IN NURSERY WILL BE A FUN, ENRICHING EXPERIENCE WITH ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND CRAFTS THAT REFLECT THE CORE VALUES OF THE YMCA.**

## Check-In

All children must have a parent/guardian (18+) signed enrollment form on file at the YMCA Child Watch Center. For your child's safety, a parent/guardian is required to sign their child in and out of the Child Watch Center. The parent/guardian who signs the child in must also sign the child out, unless prior arrangements have been made with Child Watch Center Staff. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to check children in and out of the Child Watch Center.

## Checklist: Before you drop off

- My child is wearing shoes, socks and is dressed for play, crafts, etc.
- My child is in a clean diaper or has used the restroom.
- My child is well fed/nursed
- All personal items are labeled with my child's name
- I have brought all items needed to care for my child (i.e. plenty of diapers, wipes and prepared bottles).

## Time limits

The Y's drop-in Child Watch Center is not a licensed child care center. Consequently, state guidelines restrict your child's usage of Child Watch to no more than 2 hours total per day.

There will be a \$5 fee per child for every 10 minutes over the 2-hour maximum.

We recommend you limit your child's Child Watch Center visit to these age-appropriate lengths.

**6 weeks-9 months 30 minutes**  
**9 months-2 years 1 hour**  
**2 years-4 years 1.5 hours**  
**4 years-7 years 2 hours**

# OUR POLICIES

## Clothing

For your child's safety, shoes or socks are to be worn at all times. Socks are to be worn in the play area. Winter items may be stored in the Child Watch Center, but must be kept in a cubby.

## Crying

For the comfort of all Child Watch Center participants, we will page a parent/guardian if attempts to calm a crying child are unsuccessful for 10-15 minutes. Once paged, the parent/guardian must check the child out of Child Watch at that time.

## Food & Drink

If you provide food and drink for your child, please bring only water or juice (milk allowed ONLY for infants) and healthy dry snacks. Drinks must be in spill-proof cups.

**No candy, gum, raisins, peanut products or meals are allowed.**

## Leaving the YMCA

The Child Watch Center is not a licensed child care facility, therefore a parent/guardian MUST remain inside the YMCA facility during the child's stay. Failure to comply will result in revocation of Child Watch services

## Illness

Children showing signs of illness will not be allowed in the Child Watch Center. A child must be symptom-free for 24 hours in order to return. If your child has a communicable illness or head lice, please notify the Child Watch Center staff immediately so appropriate action can be taken.

## Diapers

Please ensure that all children arrive in dry and clean diapers. Staff will change diapers, as long as all supplies are provided. We will page you if we require your assistance in changing your child.

## Lost & Found

The YMCA is NOT responsible for belongings left behind. Items will be placed in our lost and found department at the membership services desk for one week.

## Toy Policy

We have many toys, books, and crafts to discover and explore in Child Watch. Please leave personal toys at home; they could get lost or broken and often cause conflict. If the toy is a needed comfort item please label it and take special care to remember it when you leave.

## Medical Incident Procedures

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

## Allergies

Please remind us of any allergies your child might have upon each visit.

## Discipline & 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/guardian will be paged and the child will be removed from Child Watch. If behavioral issues continue a child will be asked not to return for a period of time determined by the Child Watch staff.

## Evacuation Procedures

In the event of a fire or other evacuation situation, the Child Watch staff will escort all children out the emergency exit to the designated safe area (see Child Watch desk for details). Parents/guardians will be allowed to check out their child once the situation is safe and all children are secured.

## Tornado Procedures

In the event of a tornado, Child Watch staff will escort children to the assigned locker room (see Child Watch desk for details). Parents/guardians will be allowed to check out their child once all children are safe.

## QUALIFIED STAFF

Our 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 Child Watch.