

Welcome to the Y's Child Watch Program!

Child Watch is a **FREE** benefit for Y Members with families. All participants must have a parent, grandparent or legal custodian in the building. A two hour time limit is imposed on how long children can remain in Child Watch each day.

Ages:

The Child Watch is for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 7 years. No child younger or older will be permitted to use this program. Please note- if your child is unable to support his/her head by using the equipment offered unassisted; please bring your car seat into Child Watch with you. We try to give equal time to all the children to make it a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Older siblings should not hold or pick up their younger siblings.

Sick Children:

Children will not be allowed to enter the Child Watch if they are ill. The child needs to be symptom free for 24 hours when diagnosed with fever or contagious illness. (ie: including but not limited to Influenza, Pink Eye, Conjunctivitis, Chicken Pox, Hand, Foot, and Mouth, etc.)

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Children are signed in and out by a parent/guardian. The sign in/out sheet lists the child's name, age, parent signature, area in the facility the parent can be reached and special instructions for care. All parents must report back to the Child Watch room to check their child/ren out during scheduled hours. If a parent fails to pick up their child on time he/she will not be able to use the Child Watch. Use of the Child Watch is a benefit of your membership, while you are in the YMCA building.

Diapering/Bathroom:

Child must enter Child Watch in a fresh diaper. Staff will change diapers and assist in bathroom (must sign permission). If a child refuses to allow a staff member to assist them, a parent/guardian will be paged. Children in cloth diapers must wear plastic diaper covers. Parents must supply diapers and changing materials. If not given authorization to change diapers or clothing, the parent will be notified. If needed, please have your child use the bathroom before coming into Child Watch. For simplified bathroom trips, please dress your child in clothing they can remove and put on by themselves.

Snacks:

Children are welcome to bring drinks in cups with a lid or a bottle. Due to allergy concerns, milk is permitted only in bottles. Please clearly label your child's drink. Infants must enter Child Watch already fed. Animal crackers are occasionally offered for snacks. If you prefer your child not to have a snack or they have allergies, please notify staff, and document on sign-in sheet. Donations are always greatly appreciated.

Medications:

Employees are not allowed to give out any kind of medicine. Child Watch staff will contact the PARENTS if there is any kind of allergic reaction or emergency.



Overflow:

Occasionally Child Watch staff will take children to the racquetball court or the gym. When moving from one area of the Y to another, staff will take attendance.

Snow Days/Cancellations:

On the days that the Beaver Dam School District and surroundings areas declare a snow day and close the schools, Child Watch will not be offered.

Discipline:

Our number one concern is safety for the children and staff. Our staff work to promote self-control, self-esteem and respect for the rights of others through positive guidance, redirection and setting clear limits. Positive reinforcements are used to encourage appropriate behavior. Redirection of children to other activities is also used by staff to diffuse problems. If these techniques are unsuccessful, parents will be asked to return to Child Watch and remove their child.

Hours:

For current Child Watch schedule please visit our website at www.theydc.org/dropinchildwatch, or pick up a printed schedule available at the Welcome Center. Hours are also posted on the Child Watch Room door. Hours are subject to change based on participation and program/class schedules.

After Hours:

When the Child Watch is closed, there will be no admittance to the Child Watch room.

Punch Cards:

Punch cards are available for Away and Non-Members: \$15 for 5 hours.

Punch cards may be purchased at the Welcome Center and will be kept in the Child Watch room.



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