

PLAY EVERY DAY



We want your child's time in Child Watch to be a fun, enriching, experience that reflect the core values of the YMCA. We will give your child quality care while you participate in YMCA activities. We will provide a safe experience involving 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

TIME LIMIT

Maximum of 1.5 hours per day | Maximum one visit per day

AGES

4 weeks to 9 years

RATES:

Members: \$5/per hour per child

Member Unlimited Monthly Visits Option:

1 child: \$26/month | 2 children: \$41/month

3+ children: \$47/month

Community: \$10/per hour per child

CHILD WATCH HOURS

Monday-Friday | 7:45 am – 12 noon

Monday-Thursday | 4:30-7:30 pm

Saturday | 9:00 am – 12 noon

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. Our staff also work hard to develop a variety of age-appropriate activities to keep your child active and engaged while in Child Watch.

"The Child Watch area is a wonderful place that I can fully trust." -Y Member

"This is a wonderful service that allows me to workout, while my child enjoys playing with other kids." -Y Member



WELCOME OUR POLICIES

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 check their child in and out of the Child Watch Center. The parent/guardian who checks the child in must also check 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 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 (prepared bottles/snacks)

Time Limits

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

4 weeks-9 months | 30 minutes

9 months-2 years | 1 hour

3-9 years | 1.5 hours

One visit per day is allowed.

Clothing

For your child's safety shoes and socks are to be worn at all times. Winter items and shoes may be stored outside the Child Watch Center in a designated area.

Crying

For the comfort of all Child Watch Center participants, we will find a parent/guardian if attempts to calm a crying child are unsuccessful for 10-15 minutes. Once notified, 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 was diagnosed with a communicable illness or head lice and was recently under our care, please notify the Child Watch Center staff immediately so appropriate action can be taken.

Diapers

Please ensure that all children arrive in dry, clean diapers. Staff does not change diapers. We will contact you if we require your assistance in changing your child.

Lost & Found

The YMCA is NOT responsible for items left behind. Items will be placed in our Lost and Found 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 located 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 located 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 Coordinator.

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 and 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 Safe Zone (see Child Watch desk for details). Parents and guardians will be allowed to check out their child once all children are safe.