



## Our Philosophy

The Bath Area Family YMCA Child Care programs offer opportunities for children to interact in an inclusive, child-directed environment. We focus on learning through the development areas of cognitive, social-emotional, language, and physical development, utilizing "play" as the focal point for all learning. We monitor and assist children in the acquisition of new skills, believing that children learn at their own pace, developing skills, as they build upon gained knowledge. Families are an integral part of our program. Teachers help to introduce diversity through cultural, physical, and economic differences, while working with the children and families involved in our programs. Our conflict resolution goal is to create an environment that nurtures, encourages respect, promotes self-esteem and trust and teaches conflict resolution. Our hope is that the experiences we offer will promote unique and positive outcomes for the children and families.

## Registration

Registration for Child watch will be at the front desk. You must call to reserve the times that you would like your children to attend. You may use up to 2 one-hour slots per child. Payment is made through the front desk and can be made daily in cash or check..

## Location

Our summer program is housed in the Racquetball Court.

## Availability

Space is available on a first come, first serve basis, with the maximum number of children allowed at any given time in the day. The provider reserves the right to limit the number of children under their care. This is for the safety of your children.

## Enrollment Paperwork

Please fill out a children's information form for EACH child. Parents/Guardians must remain in the building at all times while children are in our care. Only those listed on the form can pick up and drop off children. Each person must be a family member/YMCA member.

## Child Watch Information

### Morning Hours:

Monday thru Friday - 8:30 – 12:30

### Fees & Ratios:

No fee for our Family Memberships  
\$5.00 per hour for our Single person Memberships  
\$45 Frequent User Punch Card for 15 Child Watch 1 hour slots (makes each 1 hour slot \$3)

- Child Watch is a member based service only. This includes individual and family memberships.
- Slots will be available in 1 hour increments starting on the hour or ½ hour.
- Signing up must take place at the front desk.
- Cancelations received less than ½ hour before the time slot begins will still incur the per slot fee.
- Families that do not show up, or do not cancel will be charged a \$5.00 fee.
- Children must be at least 6 weeks old, and no older than 6 years old.

*If slots are not booked by the following times, Child Watch will be closed*

*Morning- 9:00 am*

### Child Watch is closed for the Following Holidays:

- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- The Day After Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- Day After Christmas
- New Year's Eve
- New Year's Day
- Day After New Year's Day
- Memorial Day

In addition, Child Watch follows the local school calendar. This means that if there is a day off of school, Child Watch will be closed.

Occasions may arise that we need to close Child Watch to support other programs within the YMCA. We will give as much notice as possible.

*Please check WCSH 6 for any cancellations*

## Pick Up & Drop Off

Please make sure all children are picked up and dropped off on time. Children are only to be signed in or released to a legal guardian. If you are late picking up your child, you will be charged for an extra slot. **When picking up your child please be considerate of other parents picking up and dropping off, there should be no more than a 5 minute leeway.**

## Meal Times & Treat Policy

Children are required to sit during meal times and are asked to bring nutritious foods. *Peanuts, peanut based products, mustard & sesame seeds, candy, chips and soda is not permitted.* We also ask that infants bring bibs and spoons from home. If you plan on bringing a special snack to Child Watch, we ask that you bring only store bought items.



**Please label all items clearly with your child's name. The Y will not be providing snacks for your children, if you want them to have something please provide this for your child.**

## Illness

A child who is not well enough to participate in our daily activities should not attend. A child who is presenting any of the following symptoms should be kept home and will be sent home if any of these symptoms are noted:

- A temperature of 101° or higher
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- An unexplained rash
- Discharge from the eyes or ears

Please notify us if your child has any of these symptoms or has been diagnosed with a communicable disease.

## Child Guidance

In our program we use the following techniques to guide each child in using appropriate behavior:

- Classroom design
- Language
- Modeling
- Choices
- Time away
- Conflict resolution

If a behavior or condition exists which threatens the health and safety of children or teachers, Child Watch privileges may be revoked.

## Mandated Reporting

The YMCA is mandated by state law to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities.

## Leaving the Classroom

Children will only leave the classroom under the supervision of a staff member in the following situations:

- The use of the bathroom
- To play in another supervised location in the YMCA
- There is a Fire Drill/Alarm and we have to evacuate the room

Children can join the staff only with parental permission, located on the enrollment paperwork

## Toys from Home

The YMCA staff will not be responsible for broken or lost items brought from home. Children must also understand that they will be required to take turns with and share their toy. Comfort items, such as a blanket, are encouraged, but a favorite toy can quickly become a source of conflict.

