

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 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

CAPACITY LIMIT

8 children

Please note that if your child is coming to our Child Watch Center that they may be sharing toys and playing closely with other children.

AGES

1 to 8 years

WHO IS ALLOWED TO USE

CHILD WATCH?

Members ONLY (Members must remain in the building and are required to workout or take a class in order to take advantage of this benefit)

HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

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.

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

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



Please contact Amanda Meighan, Youth Activities Director for additional information at 608-325-2003 or ameighan@greencountyyymca.org.

WELCOME

YOUR CHILD'S TIME IN OUR CHILD WATCH CENTER 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 shoes 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. prepared bottles/ snacks).
- Masks are required for children ages 5-8. Masks under the age of 5 are optional per parent discretion.

Clothing

For your child's safety shoes and socks are to be worn at all times. Winter items and shoes may be stored inside 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.

OUR POLICIES

Food & Drink

Due to the pandemic, snacks will not be allowed in our Child Watch Center. Please make sure that your child arrives to our center with a full stomach. Water bottles are welcome.

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. Temperatures will be checked during drop off. If your child has a temperature of 99.6 or higher your child will not be able to stay in the Child Watch Center. A child must be symptom-free without use of fever reducing medications for 48 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, clean diapers. Staff do not change diapers. We will contact you if we require your assistance in changing your child.

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.

Lost & Found

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

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 Youth Activities Director.

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.