

Welcome to YMCA Childwatch!



Positive Experiences

As a service to our valued members, the Grants Pass Family YMCA Child Watch program provides on-site child care for your family and our guests while enjoying our facility. Our goal is to provide a positive experience for children in a safe and secure environment during your visit to our YMCA. We offer interesting and inviting age-appropriate activities implemented by warm and fun staff members.

For many young children, YMCA Child Watch may be their first YMCA experience. You want that experience to be positive. We strive to ensure that these toddlers and preschoolers will look forward to coming to the YMCA.

Hours: 7:45 AM—Noon & 4-8 PM



The Grants Pass Family YMCA appreciates the opportunity to serve you and your child.

Feedback forms are available at the front desk. Please let us know how we can serve you.

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Child Watch Guidelines

Security

Staff will observe your child for any symptoms of illness or communicable disease, and parents will be asked to verify that the child is healthy enough to be in care with other children.

Whoever signs the child into Child Watch should also pick up the child unless you make alternative arrangements with staff on duty. We require a picture ID at pick-up time if someone other than the adult who signed the child in, picks the child up. Each child should be signed out.

Children may stay in Child Watch for no more than 2 1/2 consecutive hours.

Please label all of your child's belongings. Give staff any information about your child that may be valuable while he or she is in our care, such as eating and sleeping needs, medication, temperament, and so on.

At pick-up, staff will share information with you about your child's stay, including diapering, naps, food intake, demeanor, and play activities.

Please remember that you must remain in the building while your child is in Child Watch. Inform the staff where you will be so that you are easily accessible if they need to contact you.



Wellness

Do not bring a child who has a fever, rash, drainage from the eyes, vomiting, or diarrhea to Child Watch. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms while in our care, we will call you immediately and ask you to remove the child from Child Watch. Please notify us if your child contracts a communicable disease after spending time in the Child Watch program.

Sanitation

Staff and children wash hands upon entering the Child Watch room, before and after diapering or toileting, before and after bottle-feeding, and after wiping runny noses.

Medication

Staff will not administer medications in the Child Watch program. An exception would be the administering of a medication for life-threatening reactions, such as allergies to peanuts. In this case, parents should train staff on duty to administer the appropriate medication. Please see a YMCA supervisor for procedures.

Eating

Please provide healthy snacks for your children during their stay in Child Watch.

Staff

The Grants Pass Family YMCA screens and trains all our Child Watch staff. There is a staff person on duty at all times in the Child Watch area who has been trained in CPR, first aid, recognizing signs of child abuse, and recognizing symptoms of communicable diseases.

Child Guidance

The Grants Pass Family YMCA Child Watch staff use redirection and positive reinforcement while working with your child. If these techniques are not successful and your child poses a danger to self or others, we will notify you immediately. We will share information concerning any behavioral issues upon request.

Activities

During his or her stay with us, your child is encouraged to engage in fun activities that include a variety of age-appropriate toys, equipment, and materials of interest and challenge to your child. Choices for your child may include the following:

Infants: rattles, busy boxes, windup toys, music, books, mobiles

Toddlers: books, puzzles, manipulative toys, building blocks, dramatic play

Preschoolers: books, puzzles, manipulative toys, blocks, dramatic play, and art

School-agers: books, board games, construction toys, arts and crafts

While Child Watch programs may make use of TVs and DVD players, the Grants Pass Family YMCA limits viewing time and offers only programming choices that are consistent with YMCA values. We offer only G-rated videos and screen music for appropriate content.

We make accommodations for children with special needs.