

# Child Watch Program Guidelines

The child watch is for children ages \*6 months to 8 years old. A Membership Plus package or a day pass must be purchased to use the program. These guidelines are in place to ensure that everyone is in agreement with the program's rules, expectations and requirements. Guidelines are subject to change and parents using the program will be notified of the updates. If you have any issues or concerns please reach out to Paige Faber Child Watch Director at [childwatch@perhamareacommunitycenter.net](mailto:childwatch@perhamareacommunitycenter.net)

Parents must remain in the building while their child is participating in the child watch program. The same parent dropping off the child should be the one picking up the child unless previously discussed with staff. A child is able to use the program for up to 90 minutes a day.

Children using the program must be able to sit up on their own. Children are not able to nap while at the child watch. If a child is falling asleep, parent will be notified to pick up the child. Child Watch staff are not able to put a child in a car seat without the parent present.

Families must enter through the front door and check in at the front desk. They will get a tag to give to Child watch staff. This tag must be given to Child watch staff.

Please do not bring a sick child to child watch. If they're too sick for school or daycare, they're too sick for this program. Children should not attend the child watch program if they have: a fever, green mucus with a runny nose, puking, diarrhea, pink eye, hand foot and mouth, RSV, or any other known viral or bacterial infection that is considered in the contagious period. Staff have the right to determine if a child seems unwell and needs to go home for the day or until symptoms improve.

Child watch staff will not change diapers. If a child needs a diaper change or has an issue with the bathroom, parent will be notified to assist. Parent can help/change their child and resume their workout.

We ask that children do not bring in more than 1 toy from home. We have toys for the children to play with and they do not need to bring anything with, but we understand that some children may have a comfort toy or item and we are ok with them bringing that. Staff are not responsible for the toy/item or ensuring that the toy/item makes it back home with the child. No toys that are imitating weapons (ie. Fake guns, swords, knives).

Physical and Verbal aggression will not be allowed and child/ children involved in the aggression may be asked to go home for the day. This includes but is not limited to: biting, pinching, hitting, kicking, fighting (even with siblings) throwing items, yelling aggressively, swearing and attempting to elope (leave the designated area). Staff have the right to determine if the child's behavior is "aggressive" and needs to end the session early. If behavior happens frequently the director will reach out to parents to reach a solution and if no solution is found the child may be removed from the program.

Please bring a water bottle for your child. You may also bring a snack with for them to eat at the child watch table. We occasionally will provide snacks as we are able. Children and staff will wash their hands. There is no food or drink allowed in the playland.

Vandalism will not be tolerated and parent will be called if a child is breaking , throwing, kicking or destroying items in the room or playland on purpose. Child will be asked to leave for the day. If behavior persists the child will be removed from the program and damages will be assessed by PACC Directors to determine if further action is required to repair/replace what was vandalized.

We hope that all children are excited to play but we understand that some may have some struggles with leaving their parent and we will do our best to assist them during their difficult time. If a child has been crying for over 10 minutes and is visibly upset(ie. Uncontrollably crying, screaming and hitting, trying to run out the door, etc), parent may be asked to calm child down or bring child home if they can not calm the child down. Sometimes it takes a few times and thats ok. We will do our best to make them feel comfortable .

PACC Staff determine the daily ratio based on staffing for the day. Its best to reach out to the director or call the PACC to determine if space is available for the day.

We will do our best to handle every situation with empathy, respect and kindness and we ask that all parents using the program, treat our staff in the same manner.

Thank you for your cooperation.