



the
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space

PARENT HANDBOOK

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WHO WE ARE

The PlaySpace is an hourly drop in or by reservation play care center, designed with your child's enjoyment in mind. A drop-in daycare center is very similar to traditional childcare, with a few exceptions. We are certified, trained in early childhood education, experience working with kids, and undergo state mandated criminal background checks and FBI fingerprint checks. We are also licensed by the state to operate under the same regulations that apply to all Texas childcare facilities.

MISSION STATEMENT

At The PlaySpace, our mission is to provide a safe and stimulating environment, nurturing care and fun! We believe that children are talented, capable people who construct their knowledge of the world through investigation and exploration, story, and play. They are born with a sense of wonder and a natural curiosity about the world around them. Need to express their feelings, ideas and experiences in many different ways. Benefit from active, creative play to enrich their development.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is our policy to provide an environment that is free from unlawful discrimination of any type, including discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. This policy governs all aspects of our center's operations.

AGES

The PlaySpace is licensed by the State of Texas to accept children from the age of six weeks through twelve years.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Closed Sunday – Open for private events or birthday parties Open during school vacations and some holidays

PAYMENT

We accept Visa, Master Card, and American Express. We do not accept checks or cash.

MEMBERSHIP

The PlaySpace charges an annual membership fee of \$60.00 per family. This is optional but allows the family the opportunity to have a fingerprint passcode for ease of drop off and pick up, a discounted rate, parent portal access, reservation ability, as well as availability to book birthday parties in the space.

PARTIES

The PlaySpace can host birthday parties or private events on Sundays for members only. Please contact Chandra@theplayspacefw.com

GANG FREE ZONE

Under the Texas Penal Code, The PlaySpace and any area within 1000 ft. is a designated gang free zone.

FORT WORTH RATES

Members:

\$10.50 per hour for first child
\$5.50 for each additional
\$12 per hour for infants (under 18 mos)*
\$4.50 per meal

Non-Members:

\$11.50 per hour for first child
\$6.50 for each additional
\$13 per hour for infants (under 18 mos)*
\$5.50 per meal

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\$4.50 per meal

Non-Members:

\$12.50 per hour for first child
\$7.50 for each additional
\$14 per hour for infants (under 18 mos)*
\$5.50 per meal

REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT

Parents can enroll on our website at www.theplayspacefw.com; or come into the space to enroll. We must maintain current immunization records, unless the child is currently enrolled at a school/daycare program in which the name, address, and telephone number must be provided.

DROPPING-OFF & PICKING UP A CHILD

For the safety of all the children, they must be signed into and out of the facility by a parent or an authorized adult. Authorized adults are listed in the child's file and a picture I.D. will be required when picking up a child.

BREASTFEEDING

Mothers will have the option to breastfeed in the infant room at any time their child is in our center. Breastmilk may also be provided to the center for feedings. Any specific instructions for the preparation of the breastmilk will need to be given to the infant instructor at the time the child is dropped off.

SNACKS AND MEALS

The PlaySpace provides mid-morning, afternoon, and late evening snacks. Lunch and dinner can be purchased. The parent may bring in meals; however, The PlaySpace is not responsible for its nutritional value or meeting the child's daily food needs. We are a nut free facility. Friday and Saturday are pizza nights.

ACTIVITIES

Sports Gym , Indoor jungle gym, Movie Room, Arts and Craft area, Video game area, Nursery for Infants under 18 months, Books, Developmentally appropriate gross motor activities
WE DO NOT TRANSPORT CHILDREN, HAVE WATER ACTIVITIES, OR TAKE CHILDREN ON FIELD TRIPS. ANIMALS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CENTER EXCLUDING SERVICE ANIMALS.

STAFF

The PlaySpace requires its staff to be enthusiastic, respectful, fun, and encouraging towards all children. They must maintain at least 24 clock hours of childcare training annually, pass a criminal history check, TB tests, certified. We take pride in our staff being an active participant in the children's adventure. Staff is not required to have their immunization records on file at our facility. However, if a staff member does appear sick, they will be sent home, to not spread infectious disease.

CHILDRENS HEALTH POLICY

Parents are the best judges of their child's health and we trust families not to bring a sick child to the center. However, if in the opinion of the staff, a child is ill, a parent will be called to come and pick them up. The PlaySpace does not administer medication. *Willow Park families: Please add insect repellent and sunscreen prior to arrival at our facility.

PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

In the event of an emergency, all parents will be notified via text, email, and phone call. Our children lists are updated hourly and parent contact information is on these lists. All our children/ parent information is available via our electronic software system and accessible by Internet. In the event that we must evacuate our facility, all children will be taken to FORT WORTH: Courtyard Marriot Hotel at 3150 Riverfront Drive, 76107. WILLOW PARK: Railhead BBQ on Ranch House Road, 76008

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SUSPENSION/EXPULSION POLICY

Unfortunately, there are times that cause for immediate suspension from The PlaySpace, however our facility prefers to work with families and children to prevent enforcing this policy. Reasons for suspension include: the child is at risk to cause serious harm to himself or others; a parent threatens intimidating actions to the facility or staff members; parents exhibit verbal abuse to staff in front of enrolled children.

LATE PICK-UP CHARGES

Late charges are in affect after closing hours (Mon. - Thurs. after 9:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays after 11:00pm. Customers who are late will be charged a \$5 late fee and \$1 for every minute after closing hours.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL ISSUES

Our commitment to a clean and healthy environment compels us to take precautionary steps to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Our center is designed to be easily cleaned and maintained at high standards and sanitation. Toys in the infant and toddler rooms are sanitized daily. Tabletops are regularly sanitized, including before and after meals, and snack times. We promote cleanliness and good hygiene with children on a regular basis. Frequent hand washing is practiced by both staff and children. We require all children have had a hearing and vision screening per physician recommendations.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All children must be current on their immunizations before being admitted to The PlaySpace. This applies to children in early care from birth through school age. We will accept documentation through your child's daycare or physician. You have the right to waive immunizations. To do so, a written statement (or state-required form if applicable) must be provided indicating the parent's choice to waive immunizations.

CHILDRIEN WITH ALLERGIES

Please notify us immediately if your child has a diagnosed allergy. If a child requires medication for a life-threatening allergic reaction (i.e. bee stings), the child's prescription may be kept at The PlaySpace during drop-off along with a physicians note and emergency medical action plan . Of note, The PlaySpace is a nut-free facility.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency, the person in charge will call for medical assistance, notify the parents, and tend to the child. Staff is certified to provide CPR and first aid as needed. We will document and call DFPS to report any incidents that require medical attention.

DISCIPLINE AND GUIDANCE

The PlaySpace expects children to follow rules for their safety and the safety of others. The safety and well-being of children is of utmost importance to us. All staff will be expected to use positive reinforcement with all children as well as kind words for redirection techniques. Education is provided on this reinforcement.

Rules for FUN: Walking Feet, Kind words, Listening ears, Gentle Hands, Share with friends, Take turns
Consequences: Verbal Warning, Redirection, "Take a Break" Chair, Call Parent

PERSONAL ITEMS

The PlaySpace has many toys and activities for the children to enjoy during their stay with us and, therefore, encourages parents to leave personal items at home. If your child does require a personal item (blanket, bottle, toy, diapers) please ensure the item is labeled with his or her name. Children in diapers should bring their own diapers and wipes. All infant items, including bottles and jar foods need to be labeled with the infant's first and last name. The PlaySpace is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Use of personal electronics such as phones are strictly prohibited.

PARENT BULLETIN BOARD

A bulletin board and web site are available to keep parents informed of events, or policy changes at The PlaySpace. All documents are also posted on our web site at: www.theplayspacefw.com

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Texas law, community organizations and caregivers are working together towards preventing and responding to abuse and neglect of children. Staff is required to attend 2 hours of training annually on prevention, recognition and reporting child abuse and neglect that will guide them to be aware of warning signs, prevention techniques, intervention and helpful community organization. To better understand issues regarding suspected child abuse or neglect or actions that parents should take to obtain assistance and intervention of a child who is victim of child abuse and neglect. Log on to www.dfps.state.tx.us or www.childwelfare.gov or call 1-800-242-5400, or your local office at 1-800-582-6036 to make confidential reports.

**The PlaySpace follows the infant safe sleep policy mandated by the state of Texas. Please fill out form 2550 in the event there is an exception needed.

EMERGENCY CLOSING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

It is our intention to be open and provide childcare services during our operating hours. However, situations out of our control such as inclement weather, natural/national disasters, or major building issues may disrupt service. We ask that you call ahead to ensure The PlaySpace is open during such periods. If The PlaySpace must close after you have dropped off your child, you or your designated emergency contacts will be notified so that you can make appropriate arrangements for picking up your child.

POLICIES AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION

Maintaining an open-door policy is an integral part of the The PlaySpace philosophy. A copy of the minimum standards for Texas daycares, and The PlaySpace most recent licensing inspection are available on-site for your viewing or as requested via email. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to discuss them with The PlaySpace management.

STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

State licensing requirements and strict enforcement of standards are in the best interest of all children. Our center meets or exceeds applicable licensing regulations and standards. These standards relate to our facility, staff, health and safety procedures, caregiver/child ratios, and record keeping. Our center is subject to inspection by state, county and city health, fire, and licensing officials. * Parents can access our licensing inspection reports online at the Texas HHS website. As well as the minimum standards that we follow.

FIRE PROCEDURE

In the event of a fire The PlaySpace employees will escort all children, after making sure they are all accounted for, to the FORT WORTH: Courtyard Marriot across the street. WILLOW PARK: Railhead BBQ on Ranch House Road Parents will be notified immediately and will be able to pick their children up with proper identification.

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

The Special Senses and Communication Disorders Act, Texas Health and Safety Code requires a screening or a professional examination for possible vision and hearing problems for children of certain ages and grades. If your child has had a screening, please provide a copy of the results to The PlaySpace along with your immunization records.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

We welcome parents to watch while their children enjoy our center, observe their child during play, observe the child-care center's program activities, view the building, the premises, and the equipment without having to secure prior approval.

PARENT NOTIFICATION

The PlaySpace members will receive notifications through text and email about any changes or updates to our procedures. Non-Members will be notified verbally. Changes and updates will also be posted in the lobby.

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For any questions please contact:

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Thank you for choosing The PlaySpace