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## **Brace Family YMCA Drop-In Childcare at the Y Kids Program Center Guidelines & Reminders 6 Weeks to 5 Years**

Programs offered in the Y Kids Program Center are available free of charge on a first-come, first serve basis to children who are registered on their parents' YMCA membership.

### **Staff to Child Ratio Guidelines**

According to North Carolina state guidelines:

- Infants (6 weeks to 24 months) 1:5
- Toddlers (2 years) 1: 8
- Big Kids (3 to 5 years) 1:10

### **Brace Family YMCA Y-Kids Hours**

Monday-Friday mornings: 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Monday-Thursday afternoon: 3:50 PM – 8pm

Saturday: 7:50 AM – 1:00 PM

### **General Reminders**

- Show your membership card at drop-off and pick-up gates. We will not release any child(ren) without your membership card first.
- Please sign your child(ren) in AND out. Updated attendance is critical in the case of an emergency.
- All children should arrive with a clean diaper, pull up, or having used the restroom prior to arrival.
- **Parents must remain onsite during their child's stay unless participating in an approved YMCA sponsored activity. Leaving the premises not under these guidelines will be grounds for suspension or dismissal from our childcare program.**

### **Age Limit**

- Due to space constraints and preschool based curriculum, children 6 years and older, are not permitted into the Y-Kids during times that the Youth Center is available. Children ages 6 and older are encouraged to use the Youth Center when it is available as it has more appropriate activities for this age group. If the Youth Center is closed, children up to the age of 9 years may be signed into Y-Kids.

### **North Carolina Law-Abiding Notice**

- NC Law-Abiding Notice: Short-term drop-in care centers provide developmentally appropriate child care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old while parents remain on-site. Therefore, children may attend for a MAXIMUM of 2 hours per day, while parents/guardians use the Brace Family YMCA facility. Children may not participate in the following programs or a combination of the following programs for more than four hours in a 24 hour period in a Charlotte YMCA or a combination of Charlotte YMCA's: Parent's Morning/Afternoon Out, Unlicensed Preschool, drop-in care, and Unlicensed Afterschool.
- Short-term, drop-in child care centers are not licensed and regulated by the State Department of Child Development. All YMCA of Greater Charlotte child care programs adhere to YMCA quality standards.
- Parents who leave their children on-site and exit the grounds will have their membership revoked. Children must be members on the same account as the drop-off/pick-up parent/guardian.