

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Parents and Guardians are required to be in the building while their child(ren) is in child watch.
2. You must sign your child(ren) in and out of child watch each time you visit as well as list where you are in the building. Once signed in to child watch, children of any age are not permitted to leave the program until a parent/guardian signs the child out of the program.
3. If your child is unable to toilet him/herself, we will alert you to come change a diaper or accompany to the bathroom.
4. If ever there is a problem or issue relating to your child, a Y staff member will notify you ASAP.
5. The child will only be released to either the parent who dropped him/her off in the room or to someone who was specified at the time of drop off. Please be aware that staff will be asking for a picture ID if they have not met the person picking up your child.
6. To parents of children with food allergies: please be advised that we cannot guarantee that the child watch room is completely peanut and allergy free due to shared space. *Please inform our staff of your child's allergy so we can take extra precautions!*



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CHILD WATCH at the Torigian Family YMCA



MORNING HOURS
Monday - Sunday:
8:15am - 12:30pm

AFTERNOON HOURS
Monday - Thursday:
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Why do we offer a Child Watch service?

We offer a safe place for children to engage in fun and enriching activities while their parents/guardians have the opportunity to utilize the amenities offered at the Torigian Family YMCA.

Who is Child Watch designed for?

The minimum age is 6 weeks old. The child watch program is designed for temporary care of children, so we do ask that a two hour daily maximum be respected. In addition, we do ask that older children please understand that the room has limited "entertainment" for children 9 years and up, and they should bring a safe and appropriate activity with them.

Who are the staff in the Child Watch program?

All staff and volunteers undergo background checks prior to employment at the YMCA. Child watch is staffed by caring individuals who attempt to meet the needs of all members and participants that drop in for child watch services.

FOOD IN THE CHILD WATCH ROOM

The YMCA is aware that many children who make use of the child watch program have allergies to food, some of them potentially life-threatening.

We ask that parents please refrain from bringing any food into the room. We understand this may be an inconvenience, but the safety of every child is our primary concern.

To parents of children with food allergies: The YMCA will do everything possible to keep this room free of allergens. Please be advised, however, that because we are a drop-in program with shared space, it is not possible to guarantee that the room is completely peanut free. Please inform our staff of your child's allergy so we can take extra precautions to ensure his or her safety!

FEES

Child watch is a free amenity for Family Members of the YMCA of Metro North. Nonmembers, Youth Members, or members from an outside association, will be charged the Youth Member drop in rate of \$3 per child, per hour. If a Family Member brings children that are not theirs, those children must be part of a YMCA of Metro North Family Membership, or they will be charged the hourly fee, per child. All fees will be calculated at the conclusion of the child watch visit and must be paid at the Torigian Y Welcome Center. Fees can be paid by cash, check or credit/debit card.

SICK POLICY

The YMCA is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment, and to that end, we would like to remind parents/guardians that if their child(ren) are ill or have been ill within the past 24 hours to please refrain from bringing them to the child watch room.

Types of illness include: common cold with runny nose and/or cough, Flu, chicken pox, high fever of 100 degrees or more, head lice, poison ivy, and any other contagious disease.

In the event that a child becomes ill during a visit at the YMCA, we ask that parents/guardians adhere to our guidelines regarding illness, and remove their child(ren) from the facility. If any parent/guardian arrives at the child watch room with a child(ren) that are clearly sick, the child(ren) will not be permitted into the room. This will help to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The safety of our staff and participants is our number one priority. In the event of inclement weather, the Torigian Y will do its best to open child watch services but please be sure to call ahead, check our website, or follow us on Facebook for the most current weather updates!

CLOSED DAYS

New Year's Day	Labor Day	Christmas Eve
Easter	Halloween (pm only)	Christmas Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Eve (pm only)	New Year's Eve
July 4th	Thanksgiving Day	