

Health, Safety and Security

A quality program focuses on the health, safety and security of the children and youth; ensuring that children, youth and families feel comfortable and safe within the program structure.

Quality programs have policies and procedures that promote the health and well being of staff, families, children and youth.

Provides a welcoming environment that safeguards and promotes the health and safety of children and youth.

Program promotes healthy snacks/meals and water is easily accessible to children and youth. If serving snacks/meals the programs must meet the guidelines for United States Department of Agriculture Standards, as well as, guidelines for food preparation and service.

Program has procedures that ensure the sanitation of the environment.

Program has a written health policy that is given to parents to include but not limited to medication distribution, immunizations, dietary restrictions, allergies or other health concerns, and also regulations that prevent the spread of illness (including handwashing).

The daily schedule provides a balance of activities to include active and quiet activities, including large group, small group and individualized activities.

Quality programs have procedures that ensures the safety and well being of staff, families, children and youth.

Program has procedures in place for emergency preparedness including drills and safety plans.

Maintains accurate and accessible records of children and youth and staff are made aware of any special health needs of children.

Internet safety procedures are in place if appropriate.

Staff is trained in First aid and CPR and safety equipment is accessible.

Program has procedures for recognizing and reporting abuse and neglect.

Staff supervises children appropriately according to their abilities, ages and needs.

Staff make frequent inspections of grounds, facility and equipment for potential hazards and safety hazards are eliminated or dealt with.

Children are taught personal safety

Program has policies to address safety issues both on and off-site.

Medicines and hazardous materials are identified as such and kept in a secured and locked place away from children/youth.

Quality programs have policies and procedures that ensure the security of staff, families, children and youth.

Program develops and manages arrival, dismissal and pick-up procedures.

Program has policy that addresses security and safety procedures for both on and off-site, including transportation. (first aid kits, emergency contacts and release information).

Procedures are in place for staff to track participant's movements from one location to another.

Staff supervises children and youth at all times.