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Y-Space and Youth Center Policy
JOPLIN FAMILY YMCA

Y-Space and Youth Center are only available when Y staff is present, even if parents are present.

Y-Space and Youth Center child watch services are for ages 5 and over. Children under 5 may not be signed into this area. Children 5 and under may use the nursery, or they may play in the Y-Space with supervision by a parent/guardian or sibling age 13 or older.

Children signed into Y-Space and Youth Center must be signed in and out by a parent/guardian or sibling age 16 or older.

Y-Space and Youth Center hours are posted and strictly observed. If at closing time there are still children in the area, Y-Space or Youth Center staff will locate parents/guardians.

There is a 2-hour time limit on Y-Space and Youth Center usage.

To keep the facilities clean and safe, gum is not allowed in the Y-Space and Youth Center. Children are allowed to bring drinks and peanut-free snacks as long as they keep them at the tables. Please do not send your child with snacks that contain peanuts or peanut butter as the presence of such snacks could harm the health of those with certain allergies.

For the safety of all our children, we have adopted the following guidelines, as recommended by area schools. Please do not bring your child to the Y-Space or Youth Center if he or she is sick. We will not accept children who have the following symptoms: fever, diarrhea or vomiting within the last 24 hours, green or yellow nasal discharge, listless or lethargic appearance or skin/eye irritation. Children must be fever-free for at least 24 hours.

We also ask for your help to control contagious conditions by keeping children away from Y-Space and the Youth Center for at least 24 hours after the danger of contagion has passed. For example, with head lice, we ask a child be fully treated, with no detection of nits, eggs, or bugs, for a 24 hour period before he/she is brought to child watch. For other contagious disorders, please seek appropriate medical attention and follow the recommended treatment as advised by your doctor. Upon return, it is preferred that a doctor's note be provided to verify children returning are healthy and free of contagious conditions.

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If Y-Space or Youth Center staff locate you to tell you that your child is sick/injured/upset/unruly, please come immediately to check on your child. If your child is injured in the Y-Space or Youth Center, you will be asked to sign an incident report.

Inappropriate behaviors will be documented, or if necessary you will be asked to remove your child from child watch. The following behaviors are deemed inappropriate: refusing time out, three (3) time-outs in the 2-hour time limit, cursing, spitting, hitting, injuring another child or biting. Three (3) instances of being documented within the same year leads to a 1-week suspension. The second three (3) instances documented leads to a 2-week suspension. The third three (3) instances documented leads to a 1-month suspension from child watch. It is our desire to provide services for Y members and families. However, we will not excuse inappropriate behaviors that could harm our staff or other children.

Please remain in the facility during the time your child is in the Y-Space or Youth Center. Failure to do so may result in membership termination.

Y-Space and Youth Center services are free to Joplin Family YMCA members with family memberships. Joplin Y members who have a non-family membership, members of other Y's, and guests must pay \$3 per child per visit.

Please read our emergency action plan to know what we will do to keep your child safe in the case of an emergency.