

Health & Safety Policy

Each child deserves to be cared for in a healthy and safe environment. Grandma's House teachers receive training in First Aid, CPR, Child Abuse, SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome.

In order to maintain a healthy and safe environment, Grandma's House requires:

- Notification of any contagious or communicable disease.
- Current Health and Immunization reports on file.
- Children exhibiting diarrhea, vomiting, or an undiagnosed rash must be removed from the center. If a child is too sick to participate in all aspects of the daily plan, they are too ill to be in attendance at the center.
- The emergency medical facility used by Grandma's House is posted on the parent board at each center.
- In the case of head lice, children will be excluded from the center until their head is completely nit-free.
- Children to wear closed-toe shoes.
- If an illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities or creates a greater need for care than the teachers can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children or if a child's condition is suspected to be contagious, parents will be notified to pick up their child.
- To prevent sun injury and insect bites, Grandma's House provides an all-natural sunscreen and bug spray for use by the children and teachers. Or, parents may provide sunscreen and bug spray for their child. Parents will provide written authorization for the type/brand and application of sunscreen and bug spray.
- Children will go outside twice daily except when temperatures reach above 90°F or drop below 0°F. Children under 2 will only go outside if the temperature stays above 20°F with the wind chill. If a child is too ill to play outside, they are too ill to be at the center.
- Daily, teachers clean toys mouthed by a child with bleach and water solution or send them through the sanitizer.
- Food and liquids hotter than 110°F are kept out of children's reach and children are not allowed in the center kitchen.
- To prevent the spread of germs: Hand washing for children and teachers is required upon arrival for the day, before and after snacks and lunch, after toileting, before and after sensory play, and entering the classroom from another group or outdoors.
- Precautions are taken to ensure that communal water play does not spread infectious disease. In addition to hand washing, fresh potable water is used and the water is changed before a new group of children comes to participate in the water play activity. When the activity period is completed with each group of children, the water is drained. Containers holding communal water are sanitized before and after each use (e.g. sensory tables or wading pools).
- Firearms, ammunition, and other potentially dangerous items may not be kept on the premises (DCF 251.06(2)(c)).