

The Train Station
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POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE:



Licensed Capacity: 34

Ages Served: 1 to 5 years of age

Hours of Operation: 6:00 a.m. to 5:30pm

Days of Operation: Monday thru Friday

Months of Operation: January to December

Mission Statement

At The Train Station we will partner with parents to raise children in a loving, God centered environment. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Partnering with parents in a Godly environment allows us to start sharing God's love with every child that walks through our door.

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ADMISSION

The Train Station is licensed by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Children and Families (www.dcf.wisconsin.gov). We are licensed to care for no more than 52 children at any one time. We're inspected regularly to ensure that our center meets licensing standards.

Child care services are available without discrimination based on sex, race, color, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry.

The Train Station will provide care for children ages 1 year through 5 years.

Childcare services will be provided between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, January through December.

No service will be provided on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Faith Christian Academy Spring Break, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the following Friday, December 24 – January 1 (Families will not be charged for the week of Spring Break nor the December 26 – December 31). If a holiday falls on a Saturday, we will be closed the previous Friday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, we will be closed the Monday following.

Emergency Closings – There may be times when an emergency arises which requires the child care center to close. In any such situation we will ask the local radio and television stations to broadcast the closing. You can also call the center at (715)348-2497 to listen to our voice mail message for detailed information.

The center will have posted in The Train Station office the following items for the public's review:

- Licensing rules
- License certificate
- Results of the most recent licensing inspection
- Notice of any enforcement action, stipulations, conditions, exceptions or exemption

The center will also have posted in each classroom the following items for the parent's review. These items will also be posted on our website, www.faithca.org/daycare.

- Center policies
- Parental notices
- Observations
- Special events/activities

Absent Child without prior notification - Parents are responsible for the schedules they provide us with. We expect children to be in attendance on those days at those times. If a child who is scheduled to arrive at the center, does not arrive within 30 minutes of the specified time on the written agreement signed by the parent, and we have not been informed of the child's absence, we will attempt to contact the parent or guardian to determine the child's whereabouts. If a child is transported to the center and does not arrive and we have not been informed they will not be attending that day we will attempt to contact the facility from which they were transported from to determine their whereabouts. All attempted contacts will be documented.

Attendance methods - Children may be enrolled on a full-time basis FOR 45 HOURS PER WEEK, or a part-time basis 30 HOURS OR LESS PER WEEK. THE TRAIN STATION will accept children for drop-in care if prior enrollment arrangements have been made, enrollment forms are on file, and space is available.

To protect each family's **confidentiality**, THE TRAIN STATION will not share information about a child or a child's family with anyone who is not authorized to receive this information. Only those persons or agencies that have been given permission in writing by a parent/guardian will be allowed to receive information on a child and/or her/his family.

The Department of Children and Families licensing representative may visit and inspect any group child care center at any time during licensed hours of operation. A department licensing representative shall have unrestricted access to the premises identified in the license, including access to children served and staff records and any other materials or other individuals having information on the group child care center's compliance with the DCF 251 rules.

All child care providers are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect. If a child care provider suspects a child has been abused or neglected, that provider is required to report the abuse or neglect to the county's Child Protective Services (CPS) office 715-261-7500 or law enforcement. Each child care provider and substitute will receive training at least every 2 years in child abuse and neglect laws; how to identify children who have been abused or neglected; and the procedure for ensuring that all known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect are immediately reported to the proper authorities. If an employee or volunteer is suspected of having mistreated a child that person will be subject to immediate suspension pending the outcome of the CPS investigation. The incident will be reported to the Department of Children and Families within 24 hours of occurrence.

Our administrative structure is as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clint Steinke, ADMINISTRATOR

Janelle Lone, Director

Alisha Eastin, Assistant Director

Lead Teachers

Assistant Teachers

Cook

Parents interested in enrolling their children at THE TRAIN STATION must meet with Janelle Lone or Alisha Eastin to discuss their child's specific needs and to review program policies. We appreciate and respect each families' culture and values. We strongly believe that you as a parent have the right to make decisions for your child and we want to encourage you to give us as much information about your child as possible at enrollment. You're more than welcome to offer this information at parent-teacher conferences, via phone call, text or any other method or time you feel comfortable doing so. We want to work with you and your family to make the transition into our center as comfortable as possible. We encourage you, the child being enrolled and any other family members to come and visit the center before the child's first day of attendance. With your permission we will pair you up with another family who has more experience with the center and would be willing to help you engage in the child care program. The center does have a designated dual-purpose space where staff and families can meet within the center for conferences, private conversations, meeting with their respective paired up family, etc. The Faith Christian Office, doubles for both the junior/senior high and The Train Station office.

The following items must be completed and returned to the center by the first day of attendance.

- Form DCF-62, "Child Care Enrollment"
- Form DCF-44, "Health History and Emergency Care Plan"
- Form DCF-104, "Alternate Arrival/Release Agreement" (if applicable)
- Form DCF-56, "Child Care Center Transportation Permission" (if applicable)
- Form DCF-61, "Child Care Intake for Child Under 2 Years" (if applicable)
- Photo Release Form

The Director will inform parents when updates are needed, giving 30 days' notice to submit updated forms.

Due, completed, within 30 days after child starts attending:

- Form DPH-4192, "Day Care Immunization Record" or an electronic record of your child's immunizations

Due, signed by medical professional, within 90 days after child begins attending:

- Form DCF-60, "Child Health Report"

THE TRAIN STATION has an open-door policy. Parents are welcome to visit the child care program at any time during the hours of operation unless parental access is prohibited or restricted by a court order. If so, we will need a copy of the order. Please understand that we cannot legally limit access to a parent if there is not a copy of a court order on file at the center.

THE TRAIN STATION has no pets on the premises. Pets will not be allowed in areas accessible to children during the hours of operation.

Medication log procedure are as follows: All medication administered, accidents or injuries occurring on-site, marked change in behavior or appearance, or any observation of injuries to a child's body received outside of center care will be entered the center's medical logbook. The director will review the medical log book every three months and document this procedure.

Philosophy: The Train Station is a child-oriented environment. We aim to provide a program which fosters the development of each child. We recognize the individual needs of each child. We provide a safe, caring and Godly environment in which a child can grow and learn through age appropriate activities.

Non-discrimination - We will never refuse to enroll a child based on race, sex, color, creed, political persuasion, national origin, handicap, ancestry or sexual orientation. Parents must meet with us to discuss their child's specific needs and to review program policies.

Americans with Disabilities Act - THE TRAIN STATION will make a reasonable accommodation for a child with disabilities as specified under the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information on the ADA go to: <https://www.ada.gov/chcinfo.pdf>

Accesses to children's records - Parents have full access to review their child's records. Please call the main number to make a request to review the records so that they can be prepared for you. Parents will have access to entries regarding their child.

Use of children's photos - THE TRAIN STATION may take photos or videos of children from time to time. These may be used in children's portfolios, for hanging on walls within the center, in the center's newsletter, etc. As the saying goes "A picture is worth a million words". The center may also use the photos and/or videos in our marketing materials. We will never take or use photos of you or your child/children without a signed and dated photo permission form.

DISCHARGE OF ENROLLED CHILDREN

Child's progress communication between center and parents: It's important we communicate daily concerning the needs and interests of each child. If there are issues or concerns that need to be discussed, parents should arrange with us a convenient time to talk on the phone or schedule a conference. To foster communication on a regular basis, THE TRAIN STATION provides written newsletters/parent bulletin board and daily conversations.

Circumstances and procedures for termination of enrollment

Child related: THE TRAIN STATION will regularly advise parents on their child's progress through daily sheets, daily conversations and scheduled conferences. When children have problems adjusting to the center's daily schedule and classroom rules, parents will be contacted for a face to face conference. At this meeting, the teacher will state her concerns and discuss observations made of the child's behavior, and an action plan will be developed. If after two weeks the behaviors have not improved, another conference will be scheduled to either revise the action plan or to terminate placement and refer the child to other services.

Parent related:

If the problem leading up to termination is due to non-compliance to the center's policy by the parents, the teacher will contact the parents for a face to face meeting. At this meeting, the teacher will state her concerns and review and clarify agency policy with the parents. Input from parents will be encouraged so that common understanding can be reached. If after 2 weeks the problem is still present, parents will be advised in writing that their child's enrollment will be terminated. Parents will be given a 2 weeks' notice regarding the termination of their child's enrollment. The parent will be responsible for child care fees for the final 2 weeks even if the child does not attend.

Parent initiated mutual decision, center initiated, and involuntary discharge:

A child may be discharged from the center for many reasons. Often **parents initiate** the termination. Occasionally, after an action plan has been tried without positive result, the center and the parents come to a **mutual decision** to end the child's enrollment. In some circumstances the termination may be **center initiated**.

Involuntary discharge of a child could result for the following reasons:

1. Failure to pay fees on time. (Grounds for immediate termination, without notice.)
2. Lack of parental cooperation

3. Inability of child care program to meet the needs of the child. Staff will consult with the parent concerning how any problems might be solved before ending the care arrangement. These steps will be documented in the child's file. The parent will be referred to other community resources.
4. Repeated failure to pick up the child at scheduled time.
5. Failure to complete and return required forms.

Behavior related discharges. Acting out, inability to follow classroom rules, inability to follow teacher's directions are all examples of reasons why a child could be discharged due to behavior.

Steps will be taken prior to child's discharge. All efforts will be made to work out a plan for behavior management between staff and the parents to see if problematic behaviors can be managed and/or corrected. The teacher will ask for a parent/teacher conference to discuss the behaviors in detail. Input from parent on behavior management is vital. If after two weeks the behaviors have not improved, another conference will be scheduled to either revise the action plan or to terminate placement and refer the child to other services. All meetings, behavior plans, and outcomes will be documented and placed in the child's file.

Outside agency involvement:

Prior to any child being terminated, efforts may be made to seek additional services from other care providers to address the problem. For example, children may be referred to a physician for a vision or hearing screening. Referrals to birth to 3, speech and language screenings are some of the outside agencies that could be utilized. Should the child require additional services that are not available directly through the center, an outside agency may be contacted to meet those needs. Staff will consult with parents before contacting any outside agency.

Decision making:

All decisions regarding the discharge of enrolled children are summarized in the section above, *Circumstances and procedures for termination of enrollment.*

Discrimination issues:

If you feel your child has been discharged due to discrimination, please bring these concerns to the Director for a thorough review. It is our policy to never refuse to enroll a child based on race, sex, color, creed, political persuasion, national origin, handicap, ancestry or sexual orientation.

Appeal process:

Should you disagree with the termination of your child for any **reason**, please discuss your concerns with the director. If you don't feel you are satisfied, you may then schedule a meeting with the administrator for Faith Christian Academy.

Reasons: e.g. fee payment, policy compliance

THE TRAIN STATION will give 2 weeks written notice of our intent to discharge a child (and try to inform parents of local resources that may be of help to them), except when due to parent's failure to keep current with fees owed. Parents are expected to comply with all the policies and procedures of the child care center; failure to comply could result in the termination of your child's enrollment.

FEE PAYMENT AND REFUNDS

- For current fees, see the attached Rate Sheet.
- Parents will be billed on the tenth of each month, for the current month. Payments will be due by the 10th of the following month. Payments can be dropped off at The Train Station office.
- If there will be a third- party payment, as from an employer or the county, a special payment schedule will be arranged and detailed in the contract. Parents will be responsible for any specified co-payments or unpaid amounts.
- There WILL be a \$15 charge for late pickup (within 15 minutes). Each minute after 15, will be charged \$1 per minute.
- You will be charged an additional fee of \$15 if your check does not clear the bank.
- **Refunds/absences** There will not be a refund when children do not attend for illness or other reasons.
- THE TRAIN STATION charges a registration fee of \$70/family. The registration fee must be paid prior to enrollment/with the first tuition payment to secure a spot in the center.
- There will be **additional fees for field trips and enrichment activities** from time to time. Parents will be advised of any additional fees in writing at least two weeks in advance.
- There will be no reductions for additional children from one family. **We do not offer a bonus currently.**

Fee determination methods (attendance, parent sign in) THE TRAIN STATION will charge a fee based on your child's hours of enrollment. These fees are outlined in the rate sheet. A contract will be drafted and signed by parents with an agreement on the rate per week/month for your child's care. Additional fees will be assessed for additional hours beyond those outlined in the parent contract. **Parents should review attendance sheets each week and sign them** verifying hours of attendance.

Fee calculating methods (hourly, daily, sessions) a full-time rate is offered for children who will be in care for 30 or more hours, per week.

	Tuition	
1 – 2 year olds	\$250 (full time > 30 hours)	\$9/hr (part time < 30 hours)
2 – 3 year olds	\$225 (full time > 30 hours)	\$8/hr (part time < 30 hours)
3 – 5 year olds	\$200 (full time > 30 hours)	\$7/hr (part time < 30 hours)

An hourly rate is charged if children will attend fewer than 30 hours per week.

CHILD EDUCATION

There is a religious component to our program. We offer mealtime prayers, songs, stories or displays of the religious aspects and we celebrate religious holidays.

There is a child care worker/teacher assigned to each classroom in the center and staff to child ratios are always maintained. Depending on the number of children present on any given day there may also be an assistant child care worker in the classroom as well. Each group/classroom of children is supervised by a teacher who is within sight and sound of the children to guide the children's behavior and activities, prevent harm and assure safety.

Groups of children may be combined at the beginning and at the end of any given day. Being that THE TRAIN STATION is open in the early morning and late afternoon we have a written plan for activities which meet the individual needs of the children during those time periods. Activities at the beginning and at the end of the day will be designed for a wide age range of children working and playing together. Our plan includes opportunities for children to rest and eat and to use materials and engage in activities which for the most part do not duplicate activities planned for the major part of our program.

Children, including infants and toddlers, will go outdoors daily when weather permits, so dress your child appropriately for the weather. The children may be kept indoors during inclement weather such as any of the following:

- Heavy rain
- Temperatures above 90 degrees F.
- Wind chills of 0 degrees F. or below for children age 2 and above
- Wind chills of 20 degrees F. or below for children under age 2

Make sure your child/children wear sturdy shoes that will allow them to be active. Students will have an opportunity to play in a fenced area daily. This area will have equipment for children to use large motor skills, as well as group activities to build relationships. Staff will be involved in outdoor play. They will engage with individual and groups of children. Best practices recommend at least 15 minutes of teacher-led physical activity each time children are outdoors. Best practices recommend that there is a variety of fixed and portable play equipment that allow for mastery of balance and coordination (tunnels, balance boards, safe climbers), travelling skills (tricycles, scooters, push/pull toys) and large manipulative skills (balls, hoops). It is recommended that there are multiple pieces of equipment so that multiple children can participate in an activity at a time and that there are spaces for children of all ages, including infants. When weather does not permit outdoor play, students will be given time in the indoor playground to encourage large motor skills and group development.

There is an outdoor play space on the premises of the center. Trampolines and inflatable bounce surfaces are not allowed. If we choose to provide a wading pool for the children, staff will be outside providing sight and sound supervision when the wading pool contains water and is present in the outdoor play space.

Toddlers will have a flexible schedule, which reflects the child's individual needs. They will be given individual attention including lots of time for talking. We will provide safe, open spaces for children whom are creeping and crawling. Toddlers will be encouraged to play with a wide variety of safe toys and objects. A written report will be maintained documenting what each child ate, when they slept and when they wet or soiled a diaper. We will use this report to share information with parents about the child's activities and disposition for that specific day.

Preschool age children will have opportunities to play and explore their surroundings. They will be given many learning experiences in a variety of developmental areas that are age appropriate. Daily activities will include math, science, large and small muscle movement, art and literacy.

Night Care

We are not licensed to provide care between the hours of 6:00pm and 5:30 A.M.

It is important that we communicate daily concerning the needs and interests of each child. The Train Station offers parent-staff conference opportunities at least 2 times per year to discuss the child's

growth and development and adjustment to the program. If there are issues or concerns that need to be discussed, parents should arrange with us a convenient time to talk on the phone. To foster communication on a regular basis, THE TRAIN STATION provides scheduled conferences/written newsletters/parent bulletin board and daily conversations. To support healthy development, we intentionally include information about physical activity, gross motor development and nutrition in our communications with families.

THE TRAIN STATION staff along with parents and their input will plan activities and provide children with a variety of experiences. Learning through play is the major component of our program. Enough time, materials and space will be provided for children to actively explore the world around them. Children will have an opportunity to use a variety of art materials, manipulative and housekeeping equipment. Our curriculum will provide exposure to a variety of cultures through music, stories, games and art, and we will celebrate how we are all the same and how we are all different from one another. Routines such as toileting and eating and intervals between activities are planned to avoid keeping children waiting in lines or assembled in large groups.

We do not HAVE A SWIMMING POOL ON THE PREMISES. Children will not have access to or be allowed to use the on-premises pool. The center may use an off-premises pool, wading pool, water attraction or beach for the children. If we decide to utilize any of these off-premises, water-oriented facilities, staff will follow all safety and supervision requirements as specified by licensing rules

We occasionally take field trips, including walks around the neighborhood. Emergency information for each child will be taken whenever the children leave the premises. You will be notified in advance of any field trip requiring transportation.

THE TRAIN STATION uses a variety of curriculums to meet the needs of each individual child. The activities each week will be based on the theme for the given week(s). The program provides each child with experiences which will promote all the following: self-esteem and positive self-image, social interaction, self-expression and communication skills, creative expression, large and small muscle development, intellectual growth and literacy.

A schedule of daily activities is posted in each classroom. A program of activities is planned a week in advance. Staff use a variety of resources in their planning. We will also use the services of the Wisconsin Child Care Information Center (800-362-7353) and access their resources to plan activities. The activities focus on a biweekly theme based on the interests of the children and lesson plans are available for parents to review. An example of a daily schedule (3/4 year olds) is listed below:

6:00 – 8:00	Free Play/Breakfast
8:00 – 8:15	Large Group
8:15 – 9:00	Center Time
9:00 – 9:30	Snack
9:30 – 10:00	Arts/Craft
10:00 – 10:30	Storytime
10:30 – 11:30	Outdoor Play (Gross Motor)
11:30 – 11:45	Wash up/Prepare for Lunch
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch Time
12:30 – 1:00	Story Time
1:00 – 3:00	Quiet Time (Naptime)

3:00 – 3:30	Snack
3:30 – 4:30	Outdoor Play
4:30 – 5:30	Free Play

The Train Station childcare is child oriented. We aim to provide a program which fosters the development of each child. We recognize the individual needs of each child. We provide a safe and caring environment in which a child can grow and learn through age appropriate activities.

CHILD GUIDANCE POLICY

When a child is crying, fussy or distraught, staff will work to calm and comfort the child, in ways that are appropriate for the child’s age and personal disposition. This may include stroking, cuddling, rocking; offering a drink; acknowledging the child’s fear, or separation sadness, or conflict; distracting or redirecting to another activity; talking calmly with the child about how s/he is feeling or what has happened. If the unhappiness persists, we may contact a parent to share what is occurring and inquire if this might indicate onset of an illness.

Children's behavior will be guided by setting clear limits or rules for children. We will talk with children about expected behaviors and model those behaviors consistently for them. We will state positively what children can do, using specific terms; e.g. "you need to use an inside voice" rather than "don't yell"). Undesirable behavior will be redirected to another activity. Children will be given a wide variety of age-appropriate activities to choose from and will be given the attention they need before they demand it. Behavior management will be for helping children develop self-control, self-esteem and respect for the rights of others. Opportunities for physical activity are not withheld as a behavior management strategy. Children are redirected to safe physical activities and are involved in discussion about safety concerns, when necessary.

"Time-Out" is a guidance technique that can be effective when dealing with unacceptable behaviors of young children. Time outs may not be used with children under age 3, and never for more than 5 minutes. The term 'time-out' is short for 'time out from positive reinforcement.' The strategy is like an extended form time from all sources of reinforcement (e.g., teacher and peer attention) following serious challenging behavior of selectively ignoring disruptive behavior. Children are removed for a brief time. Usually this strategy requires that a child be removed from an ongoing activity for a brief time, typically by having a child sit on the outside of the activity within the classroom until the child calms down and is ready to rejoin the activity and try again. Time-out is intended to be a non-violent response to conflict that stops the conflict, protects the victim, and provides a 'cooling off period' for the child.

"Time-out" is only effective when used in the context of a comprehensive approach to behavior support that is designed to teach, nurture and encourage positive social behaviors. Time-out should be used only when less intrusive discipline procedures have been tried and deemed unsuccessful and only in combination with positive procedures designed to teach new skills and prevent challenging behaviors from occurring.... Effective management of behavior should always start with praise and encouragement for pro-social behavior and self-regulation and be accompanied by distraction, redirection, withdrawal of attention, and logical and natural consequences." The child will be praised after completing the time-out and will be helped to rejoin the group.

We recognize that no single technique will work with children every time. If a child exhibits unacceptable behavior, we will request a conference with parents to consider how to deal with the behavior. If the behavior continues, the next steps may include referrals to appropriate community resources, and/or discharge of the child from care. In accordance with "Wisconsin Rules for Group Child Care Centers," actions that are aversive, cruel, humiliating, and actions that may be psychologically, emotionally or physically painful, discomfoting, dangerous or potentially injurious are prohibited.

Prohibited actions include spanking, hitting, pinching, shaking, slapping, twisting, or inflicting any other form of corporal punishment on the child; verbal abuse threats or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family; physical restraint, binding or tying the child to restrict the child's movement or enclosing the child in a confined space such as a closet, locked room, box or similar cubicle; withholding or forcing meals, snacks or naps; punishing a child for lapses in toilet training. These forms of punishment will never be used, even at a parent's request.

Routines such as toileting and eating and intervals between activities are planned to avoid keeping children waiting in lines or assembled in large groups.

Classroom arrangement, materials and programming are scaled to the developmental level, size and ability of children which will contribute to providing clear guidelines and promoting positive behavior: **Parental Involvement in solving behavior:** All efforts will be made to work out a plan for behavior management between staff and the parents to see if problematic behaviors can be managed and/or corrected. The teacher will ask for a parent/teacher conference to discuss the behaviors in detail. Input from parent on behavior management is vital.

Biting among children, usually occurs in toddlers. However, three- and four-year olds may have the tendency to bite. In the case of a bitten child, the child who has been bitten will be cared for first. The child who bit will be separated and talked to in a positive manner, using terms such as 'biting hurts' or 'biting is for eating'. Staff will remain calm and talk positively to both children. Both parents will be notified. If the behavior continues, we will work together with parents, we will identify a possible reason for a child's biting. We will work together to develop a plan to stop the behavior.

Rest or naptime will be provided for all children younger than five years of age who are in care for more than four consecutive hours. Children who do not sleep may get up after 30 minutes, and children who awaken early will be allowed to get up when they awake. Staff will help awake children find quiet activities. The Train Station will launder the bedding after every five uses, or sooner if necessary.

CONTINGENCY PLANS

Fire and Tornado evacuation plans will be practiced monthly. The director will document dates of fire and tornado drills and the weekly testing of smoke detectors on a form provided by the state.

In case of an emergency that would require an evacuation, children will be evacuated by all available staff through the nearest exit. The attendance form and list of phone numbers for parents and emergency contacts will be taken out by the staff member designated to be "in charge" to assure that all children are accounted for and all families can be notified. The director or person in charge will check classrooms, bathrooms and staff areas to make sure all persons are evacuated. The director or person

in charge will call the all clear to re-enter the building once it is safe to do so. If we are unable to return to the building following an evacuation, the children will be taken to Bone and Joint, 5200 Hummingbird Rd #100, Wausau, until parents or another authorized adult can be reached and come for them.

In the event of a tornado warning, the children will be taken to the Fireside Room by all available staff members. Blankets, a portable radio and flashlight, with extra batteries for both, are kept in the tornado shelter area always. The attendance form and emergency contact information will be brought along by the staff member designated to be “in charge”. The director or person in charge will check classrooms, bathrooms and staff areas to make sure all persons are evacuated. Staff will engage the children in quiet activities until we are assured by the authorities that the danger has passed. Tornado drills will be conducted monthly from April to October.

In the event of a missing child, staff will check all areas of the center. If the child cannot be found, the child's parents and/or emergency contact and the police will be notified immediately. The director will notify the Department within 24 hours after the occurrence. If a staff member is alone on the premise, they will contact the five-minute emergency person.

In the event of severe weather children will be kept in doors and if necessary, tornado evacuation plan will be initiated.

Procedures for extreme heat or cold:

The children may be kept indoors during inclement weather such as any of the following:

- Heavy rain
- Temperatures above 90 degrees F.
- Wind chills of 0 degrees F. or below for children age 2 and above
- Wind chills of 20 degrees F. or below for children under age 2

If there is a threat to the building or occupants, we follow the American Red Cross Guidelines available at: <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster> depending on what the emergency may be. If possible, evacuation of the building will be initiated using the fire evacuation procedure. If it is not possible to evacuate the building each classroom will take cover in a secure area. The main door will be closed and 911 will be called. The teacher will keep children calm and in one area of the room until the threat has passed or police or fire department has arrived. Law enforcement and the parents will be immediately contacted to advise them of the threat.

Loss of building services procedures are as follows, if the center should lose the use of heat, water or electricity before the center opens; parents will be notified by 6:00 AM and will be advised that the center is closed, and the parent will be responsible for finding alternate care for their child until the situation is resolved.

If there is a medical emergency with a child or adult staff will perform first aid, initialing check, call, and care procedure. Children who are present will be taken from the area calmly by available staff for supervision and safety. If there is a need for **emergency medical treatment**, 911 will be called. If it is a life-threatening situation, with no time to consult the child's file or parent, the child will be taken to Aspirus Hospital, 333 Pine Ridge Blvd, Wausau, WI 54401. Aspirus Hospital can be reached at 715-847-2121. Should an ambulance be needed, parents will be responsible for any costs. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible after contacting 911. All staff will have training in infant and child CPR, AED and first aid. First aid supplies will be stored in each classroom.

When children or staff is off-site for a walk or field trip, teachers will take along emergency contact information, attendance sheets and a first aid kit in case an injury occurs to children or staff. The injury will be recorded in the medical log book upon return to the center. A cell phone will be carried along, in case help is needed. If the injury is serious 911 will be called and taken to the nearest hospital.

Superficial injuries will be washed with soap and water and covered with a bandage or treated with ice. Parents will be told about the minor injury when they pick their child up.

Attendance: Staff will be trained to manage the established system of knowing the whereabouts of all children in their care always. Parents are encouraged to call if their child will not be attending or will be arriving late. If a child is being transported by a transportation company and does not arrive at the scheduled time, staff will call the parent or authorized adult to check on the child.

Daily arrival/departure times are recorded via accurate documentation for each group of children. During early AM arrival and late PM pick-up, teachers will be kept aware of children they're responsible for, as rooms are condensed, and staff leave the center. Teachers will know the names of each child and their whereabouts always.

Parents or authorized adults are required to bring children into the building and to sign the children in at the beginning of the day (documenting arrival time) and sign them out at the end of the day (documenting departure time). Staff will maintain classroom attendance records recording children's arrivals and departures as they occur to ensure an accurate, on-going accounting of the children's whereabouts always. Comparison of the attendance record to the actual children in care will occur at each transition and frequently throughout the day.

THE TRAIN STATION does not allow concealed weapons to be carried on persons (any person or employee entering the building), or on the premises. If a person is found to be in noncompliance with this regulation, they will be asked to vacate the premises. If a person should refuse to vacate the premises the local authorities will be contacted.

Premises means the tract of land on which the center is located, including all buildings and structures on that land.

When there is only one staff person on site with eight or less children, we will ensure that an emergency provider is available within 5 minutes. That person will be trained on Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) and will sign a document agreeing to serve as an emergency back-up.

Children will only be released to persons listed on the enrollment form. If anyone other than the child's parent or someone who is listed on the enrollment form is to pick up a child, we need to be notified in writing or by a telephone call in advance. The person picking up the child may need to show a driver's license or other picture ID.

Children will not be released to persons not authorized. If a situation arises and someone other than the person(s) listed will be picking up, please notify us by phone or complete the Authorization Form. Staff will ask to see ID from anyone unfamiliar picking up a child.

Reports to the department, the center will report to the Department of Children and Families any situation as it pertains to statute 251.04(3) (a-n) DCF 251 *Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Centers*.

Emergency supplies such as radio and flashlight with extra batteries for both, first aid kit and blankets will be kept in the shelter area always. A flashlight is also kept in each classroom always.

Emergency phone numbers will be posted in each room occupied by children as well as in the center's office and kitchen. The address and phone number of the facility will appear on the phone list as well.

A MOTOR VEHICLE is immediately available at the center at all times in case of an emergency or the South Area Fire Department is within 1 mile or their emergency vehicle is available within ten minutes of a phone call.

Special evacuation considerations Any child who has a limited ability to respond in an emergency will be identified at time of admission. Staff will be aware of any **special evacuation needs** the child will have and accommodations will be made to ensure their safe removal from the building.

Custody Issue Disputes – In the event that there is a custody issue dispute we will refer and follow all court order standings. Verbal changes will need to go through individual lawyers and Guardian et Latium.

If the parent or other authorized person arrives to pick up a child and that person appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, all reasonable steps will be taken to prevent the person from leaving with the child, including offering to call a cab or another contact person. While staff cannot legally withhold a child from the legal guardian, we will not hesitate to call the local authorities if we feel the child is in danger.

HEALTH CARE

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

To reduce the risk of SIDS staff will do the following with any child under the age of ONE year.

- All infants will be placed to sleep on their backs, unless the **child's** physicians authorize another position in writing.
- Soft objects will be removed from the crib.
- Blankets will be tucked tightly around the child and away from his or her face.
- Sheets will be tight fitting.
- If a child falls asleep in a swing or car seat, we will move them to their crib.
- Staff will ensure that awake, non-mobile children have time each day to spend in a prone position ("tummy time").
- All staff members, substitutes, and volunteers will be trained on these procedures before they begin working with children.
- **Children under two years of age:**
 - Cribs and playpens shall contain a tight-fitting mattress and any mattress covering shall fit snugly over the mattress. Waterbeds may not be used.
 - Sheets or blankets will be tucked tightly under the mattress and shall be kept away from the child's mouth and nose.

- If child falls asleep in a swing or car seat, the child will be removed from the swing or car seat and placed to sleep on his or her back in a crib.

Ill Child - Children who are ill are not to be brought to the center. Examples of children who are ill:

- A temperature of 101 degrees F. or higher. Vomiting or diarrhea has occurred more than once in the past 24 hours
- A contagious disease such as chicken pox, strep throat or pink eye
- An unidentified rash
- Have not been on a prescribed medication for 24 hours or continue to have symptoms of illness
- Has a constant, thick colored nasal discharge

If a child should become ill or seriously injured while at the center, parents will be contacted immediately. Sick children will be isolated within sight and hearing and made as comfortable as possible. Children should be picked up as soon as possible. If the child is not picked up within the hour, the emergency contact person on the child's enrollment form will be called.

Children may return to the center when they are fever and symptom free, have been appropriately treated, or have been given medical approval to return to child care. We will follow procedures on personal cleanliness and communicable diseases stated in licensing rules and the guidelines for exclusion of children from child care as adapted from the Division of Public Health.

In the event of a communicable disease exposure at the center, parents will be informed. Certain diseases must also be reported to the public health department and to our licensing specialist.

All medication administered, accidents or injuries occurring during the time the child is in our care, marked changes in behavior or appearance and any observation of injuries to a child's body received outside of our center, will be entered the center's medical logbook. All staff are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the local authorities.

Medications

THE TRAIN STATION will administer medications under the following conditions:

Prescriptive and non-prescriptive medication will only be given to children if parents have completed the authorization form provided.

All medicine must be in its original container, bearing the label with child's name, dosage and administration directions. Additionally, prescription medication will bear the name of the doctor and pharmacy. It will be stored in a medication box that is inaccessible to children. Medicine requiring refrigeration will be kept in a covered, labeled container in the refrigerator.

We will not exceed the age-related dosage on the label of any medication without a written doctor's authorization. If a dose is missed, we will not double up. You will be notified and missed dosage will be documented in medical log.

Non-medicinal products: Sun screen, insect repellent, lip balm, diaper creams and other non-medicinal products will only be used on a child when signed authorization is on file, and the specific products are supplied by the parent and labeled with the child's name.

The center will maintain confidentiality of child and family regarding health care needs. Information will only be shared with those staff that provides care to the child.

Cleanliness will be maintained always. Tables will be washed before and after meals and snacks. Floors and bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

Diapering: Before changing a diaper, the staff person involved will wash his/her hands. Following the diaper change, the soiled diaper will be bagged and disposed of in a plastic-lined, foot-activated diaper pail. Any wet or soiled clothing will be put into a plastic bag and tied. Hands of both the child and the staff member will be washed. The changing pad will be cleaned and disinfected.

Toys: Toys used by infants and toddlers will primarily be ones that may be washed and sanitized. Any toy that has been in a child's mouth will be picked up as soon as the child lets go of it and placed into a basket to be washed, sanitized and air dried. Toys requiring laundering, such as stuffed dolls or animals, will be laundered weekly or sooner if needed. Toys in classrooms for older children will be cleaned and disinfected weekly.

We will practice **universal precautions** when handling all blood injuries and bodily fluid. All staff will use disposable gloves when treating blood injuries. Surfaces touched by blood will be washed and disinfected, and all materials used to treat the injury will be wrapped in an airtight plastic bag and disposed of immediately.

Proper hand washing procedures will be followed to prevent the spread of disease. Hand washing procedures will be posted at all sinks.

Minor injuries will be washed with soap and water and covered with a bandage or treated with ice. Parents will be told about the minor injury when they pick their child up.

Serious Injury: If there is a need for **emergency medical treatment**, 911 will be called. If it is a life-threatening situation, with no time to consult the child's file or parent, the child will be taken to Aspirus Hospital, 333 Pine Ridge Blvd, Wausau, WI 54401. Aspirus Hospital can be reached at 715-847-2121. Should an ambulance be needed, parents will be responsible for any costs. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible after contacting 911. All staff will have training in infant and child CPR, AED and first aid. First aid supplies will be stored in each classroom.

Procedure for sharing information on a child's special health Care Needs with everyone responsible to care for the child. "Special health care needs" includes children with physical, emotional, social and cognitive disabilities.

When a child is known to have any special health care needs, that information will be shared with those staff who are assigned to care for the child and will otherwise be treated with confidentiality. Such special needs, including dietary requirements, will be posted on the inside of the staff cupboard door, where medication and medical log book are stored. When specialized equipment is needed, such as nebulizer or epi-pen, the child's parent or a medical professional will train staff in correct procedures.

Health related forms:

All children will need to have a **Health Report** on file. The examination for a child under age 2 needs to be dated not more than 6 months prior or 90 days after the first day of attendance at THE TRAIN

STATION. The examination for a child age 2 and older must be dated no more than 12 months prior or 90 days after first day of attendance. Physicals for children under 2 years of age will need to be updated every 6 months. Physical exams for children over 2 years of age will need to be updated every 2 years. School aged children will need only a health history on file.

Children will need to be **properly immunized** and an immunization record will need to be on file within 30 days of the first day of attendance.

Child biting health procedures will be as follows. The area of the bite wound will be washed with soap and water and a bandage applied. If necessary, an ice pack for comfort. The incident will be documented in the medical log book and parent informed upon pick up.

We are not licensed to include care of mildly ill children.

NUTRITION

Food service personnel orientation and training:

The cook and any kitchen staff shall receive the annual mandatory training of at least 4 hours in kitchen sanitation, food handling and nutrition.

Meal time routines: We will provide breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon snack to all children in attendance at the times identified in the daily schedule. Children will eat family style and will be allowed to serve themselves. As caregivers we make sure the food, we provide is healthy and nourishing and understand that it is a child's role to decide whether and how much to eat.

Child guidance and food:

Children will not be forced to eat; they will be encouraged to try new foods as appropriate. Meals will not be withheld as a form of punishment. To support development, we provide child-sized dishes and utensils.

Meal time socialization:

Mealtimes will include meaningful conversation and will promote social interaction, encourage good table manners and develop sound nutritional habits. Our staff model healthy eating behaviors in the presence of children, eating the same foods as children and refraining from eating or drinking unhealthy foods in front of children. Often, our staff spend time talking with children about healthy foods and nutrition. Children will be encouraged to clean up after themselves.

Menu requirements, preparation and changes, age appropriate menu, USDA guidelines

THE TRAIN STATION does not participate in The USDA Child and Adult Food Program. All food is prepared on the premises. We follow USDA guidelines when preparing and planning our menus. Serving sizes will match age appropriate amounts as outlined in the USDA guidelines. Any changes or substitutions in the menu will be posted with the original menu.

Early AM and late PM feeding:

Children who attend during the early morning or late afternoon hours will be offered a snack to ensure that they never go without food for more than 3 hours.

Toddler feeding:

All bottles and commercial baby food must be labeled with your child's name and dated. Bottles will never be propped, and unused formula or breast milk will be disposed of immediately.

Specialty menus (vegetarian, kosher): Accommodations can, in most instances, be made when **specialty menus such as vegetarian, and kosher** are requested by the parent.

Food allergies: If your child has food allergies parents must notify the center in writing. Food allergies will be posted in the classroom and the kitchen.

Special diets: If your child has special dietary needs parents must notify the center in writing. Special dietary needs will be discretely posted in the classroom and the kitchen.

Menu posting: Monthly records of meals and snacks are available for parents to review. If a menu must be changed for any reason, the food substituted will be noted on the posted menu.

Kitchen cleanliness, dishwashing: Eating surfaces will be sanitized before meals and snacks and everyone will wash their hands before and after eating. Dishes will be washed and sanitized in accordance with licensing regulations.

Food storage: Food will be stored up off the floor and once opened, in airtight containers.

Special treats, holidays, etc. Birthday and holiday treats are allowed. Only treats that are store purchased and factory sealed will be allowed. We cannot accept anything homemade. Please try to provide nutritious choices low in fat and sugar. We encourage nutritious alternatives for special treats, as well as replacing a food-based treats with creative activities.

Detailed kitchen instructions (equipment, requirements, food sources, cleanliness, food prep., hand washing, cleaning aids):

- THE TRAIN STATION DOES have a kitchen with a stove refrigerator and microwave. The kitchen has been inspected and meets all building code requirements.
- Refrigerator (40 degrees or colder) and freezer temperatures (0 degrees or colder) will be properly maintained. Proper hand washing procedures will be followed to prevent the spread of disease.
- Hand washing procedures will be posted at all the sinks.
- All cleaning products will be kept in a separate locked cabinet apart from all food and food items.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Procedure to ensure no child is left unattended in a vehicle:

Children may not be left unattended in a vehicle. A second adult, in addition to the driver, must be present if more than 5 children under age 5 are in the vehicle, or if more than 3 children are under 2 years in age or with a disability which limits their ability to respond in an emergency. The Driver will make a visual check of the vehicle above and below the seats when children enter or exit.

Procedure for notifying parents of the date, time, and destination of any field trip which requires the use of a vehicle: Parents will be notified in advance of any field trip requiring the use of a vehicle. A

form outlining the date, time and destination of the field trip will be given to parents. No child may participate in a field trip without the signed permission form from parents. Children who are unable to attend a field trip will be given the option to stay home or remain at the center under staff supervision.

Tracking policy when transporting children: To be sure no child is left unattended in a vehicle an attendance form will be carried along, with children checked whenever they board the vehicle and whenever they exit. General emergency numbers, emergency contact information for all children and a cell phone will be carried along by the teacher(s) in charge. A first aid kit will always be in the vehicle. The vehicle(s) will be kept clean and uncluttered, with the aisle open for quick exiting.

Transporting children with disabilities or children who have a limited ability to respond in an emergency: Special care will be given to all children with disabilities or limited ability to respond to an emergency. Staff will ensure that these children receive additional assistance in exiting the vehicle should an emergency occur.

Driver requirements:

Drivers must be at least 18 years of age, hold a valid Wisconsin operator's license for the type of vehicle driven and have at least 1-year experience as a licensed driver. The driving record for all drivers will be checked annually. Smoking is prohibited in the vehicle while children are being transported.

Volunteer drivers: Volunteer drivers may be used on occasion. These drivers will meet all licensing requirements.

Center provided transportation: THE TRAIN STATION does not provide transportation for field trips and/or to and from school and/or to and from home.

Contracted transportation services: THE TRAIN STATION does not contract for transportation services.

Use of staff vehicles: THE TRAIN STATION may transport children in staff vehicles.

Required forms: All children who are transported will have the following completed and signed forms on file:

- *Transportation Permission – Child Care Centers*
- *Field Trip or Other Activity Notification / Permission –Child Care Centers*

Child safety restraints:

Vehicles must be equipped with car seats, booster seats and seat belts, appropriate for the age and size of children being transported. Children under age 13 may not ride in the front seat.

Vehicle inspections:

The vehicle must be registered in Wisconsin, seating area must be enclosed, and vehicle must be inspected annually.

Vehicle alarm requirement:

All vehicles that have a seating capacity of 6 or more passengers in addition to the driver that are owned or leased by the child care center or a contractor of the child care center and are used to transport children are equipped with a child safety alarm that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting the child care vehicle.

Should there be an accident, the director will verbally inform the licensing office within 24 hours and provide a written report within 5 business days after the incident.

ORIENTATION OF NEW STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

All staff, volunteers and emergency providers will have an orientation within one week of assuming responsibilities.

The Train Station will not hire (paid or volunteer) any person who gives concern for the safety of the children they may be in their care. (251.05(4)(a)).

The orientation will include all the items on the Staff Orientation Checklist (DCF-2026) provided by the state. This form documents the date, the person being oriented and the person performing the training/orientation. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/forms/pdf/2026.pdf>

The owner is responsible for the orientation of the Director and the Director will be responsible for orientation of all other employees.

All staff members will be trained in first aid, CPR and AED.

The orientation checklist will be reviewed regularly, and it will guide the Continuing Education Plan for the center. Items such as child abuse and neglect, emergency procedures and licensing regulations will be review at our regular staff meetings

CONTINUING EDUCATION

THE TRAIN STATION will **document continuing education** hours on the form provided by the state. Employees will maintain their own record of continuing education. These records will be kept in the employee file and reviewed by the Director on a regular basis.

Staff are required to attend the **regularly scheduled staff meetings**. Agendas for these staff meetings will be kept on file for licensing to review. We will conduct staff meetings on the first and third Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. Staff will be paid for the time they spend at staff meetings and the time they spend participating in the required continuing education.

Staff continuing education requirements for employees working more than 20 hours per week must earn 25 hours of continuing education each year. Employees working 20 or fewer hours must earn 15 hours of continuing education each year.

All staff must maintain a current certificate in **child and infant CPR and AED training**. Copies of certificates will be kept in employee files. Training in reducing the risk of SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome is also required.

All staff are mandated reporters of **child abuse and neglect** and will make a report to Child Protective Services at 715-261-7500 or 715-261-1200 (after hours). All staff will receive training every two years in child abuse and neglect recognition and reporting procedures and document in file.

All staff will receive training in the use of **fire extinguishers** as well as their location in the building.

The Train Station will **reimburse staff for trainings**,

Any courses taken for credit through an institution of higher education may be used to meet the continuing education requirement during the year the credits were earned and for two years after.

A limited portion of continuing education can be obtained through reading pertinent information or viewing appropriate informational videos. The state provides a form to document this,

The Train Station will utilize a variety of **community resources** to obtain the required continuing education.

If we include topics that pertain to programming rather than The Train Station business, staff meeting hours may be counted as continuing education. Staff meetings will be held to share information, discuss issues and concerns and provide continuing education.

PERSONNEL POLICY

THE TRAIN STATION offers full-time and part-time positions. Hours of work are determined by enrollment. Staff is expected to show up for work on time and to be prepared to get started immediately. If you will be late you are expected to call as soon as possible. We design our staff schedule around the children's arrival time and departure time. We need to follow staff/child ratios always. If you are unable to work due to illness or other situation you are expected to call the Director as soon as possible so she can plan to have your position covered. If you fail to do so, it may result in termination of your employment at THE TRAIN STATION.

One 30-minute, paid break will be given to all full-time employees. One week of paid vacation is granted after one year of employment to full-time employees. After 90 days of employment, staff is granted paid holidays. Paid holidays include: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. To be eligible to receive holiday pay, all employees must work the last scheduled day before the holiday and the first scheduled day after the holiday. Eligible employees will also be granted one floating holiday each year. These holidays need to be pre-arranged with your supervisor/Director.

There will be a 90-day probationary period for all new employees. Wages are based on training and experience.

The administrator will conduct annual performance reviews with the Director and with all staff at THE TRAIN STATION. Results of the performance review will assist the administrator in determining any wage increase.

Grievance Procedures: In the event an employee has a grievance regarding an employment issue, s/he needs to discuss it with the immediate supervisor. If still unsatisfied with the decision, employee may discuss and/or negotiate the issue with THE TRAIN STATION. However, THE TRAIN STATION will make the final decision.

Disciplinary Action: If an employee's behavior is inappropriate or against an established policy s/he will be issued a verbal warning for the first offense. If the behavior continues or if an additional infraction occurs a written warning will be placed in the employee's personnel file. The third infraction would result in suspension or termination.

Staff must notify the licensee when any of the following occurs, ASAP, within 24 hours. This responsibility will be explained during new staff orientation. "Employee" refers to anyone subject to a caregiver background check, including substitutes and volunteers serving as staff.

- Employee has been or is being investigated by any governmental agency for any act, offense or omission, including charges related to abuse or neglect of a child or other client, or misappropriation of property.
- Employee has a substantiated finding against them for a charge listed above.
- Employee has had a professional license denied, revoked, restricted or otherwise limited.
- There are other known convictions, pending charges or other offenses which could potentially relate to the care of children or center activities. The licensee will report such an occurrence to the licensing office no later than the next business day.

The Director will perform a complete background check within 60 days of hire and every year thereafter on:

All employees

All volunteers used to meet staff-to-child ratios

All individuals who are contracted by the licensee to provide services to children

The Department will conduct a complete background check every year on the Licensee.

Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS): All staff, including substitutes and emergency back-up providers, must have attended an approved training in the identification, prevention, and grave effects of shaking babies, before being allowed to work in the center.

Employee files will be maintained on all the staff at THE TRAIN STATION. The staff record checklist will be maintained to document completion of required forms for all staff. Staff are required to have physical exams upon employment. A negative TB skin test is also required upon employment.

THE TRAIN STATION is an equal opportunity employer. We will not discriminate in our hiring practices. When a position becomes available, we will advertise locally. Qualified applicants need to complete an application form and provide documentation of their training and experience in child care. Job descriptions will be available for all positions. The Administrator will interview Director/Assistant Director candidates and the Director and Assistant Director will interview for all other positions.

Since employment with THE TRAIN STATION is based on mutual consent, both parties have the right to terminate employment at will, with or without cause, at any time. The hiring of an employee does not constitute a contract between THE TRAIN STATION and the hired employee. THE TRAIN STATION will provide worker's compensation insurance as required by law. We will withhold the appropriate payroll deductions for taxes and other insurances as required by law.

Reduction of Hours: If enrollment numbers decrease, we may need to reduce the hours of employees. We will try to give all employees as much notice as possible and we will attempt to fill enrollment positions through child recruitment efforts.

Time sheets will be maintained by each employee and reviewed by the Director. Falsification will result in disciplinary action and possible termination. Employees will be paid biweekly. Each paycheck will include earnings for work performed through the end of the previous payroll period.

Other Benefits

Personal time – Staff will be given one week of paid time off after the first year of employment. After three years, a second week will be given.

Overtime Pay – Staff will be paid time and a half for any hours worked over 40 for the week.

Inclement weather closing - There may be times when an emergency arises which requires the child care center to close. In any such situation we will ask the local radio and television stations to broadcast the closing. You can also call the center at (715)348-2497 to listen to our voice mail message for detailed information. When the center is officially closed due to an emergency the time off from scheduled work ½ time pay.

Staff development reimbursement - Any time off for staff development will be paid by The Train Station.

Employee childcare arrangements – Staff who enroll their children in the center, will receive 50% tuition at THE TRAIN STATION or FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.

THE TRAIN STATION expects each member of the staff conduct themselves in a professional manner as a mature adult, respecting each member contributions. Comments and complaints should be made to the Director. Employment and family records and conduct at the center are considered confidential.

In extreme cases of emotional instability, abusive behavior or theft, employees will receive immediate suspension without pay. Facts will be gathered about the incident and an employment decision will be made.

Alcohol/drug use policy – No person on the center’s premises, vehicles or center field trips shall be under the influence of or consume alcohol or any other uncontrolled substances. Anyone engaging in such activity is subject to disciplinary action and possible termination of employment.

Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products are not permitted anywhere on the premises of the center indoors or out, in center vehicles or on field trips.

Dress Code: Employees are expected to dress in a professional manner that will allow them to appropriately perform their job duties. No long fingernails, body piercing, high heels, short shorts or short skirts will be allowed.

Time off notification: Staff will need to fill out a time off request in the Train Station office, preferably at least 1 week prior to the time needed.

Parent Communication Procedures - The Train Station strives to keep parents regularly informed on their child's progress. We do this by providing personalized daily sheets, daily conversations with parents and/or guardians and through parent teacher conferences. With parental consent and consultation, we try our best to coordinate programming activities with the local school district, Birth to Three agency and/or any other agency for those families who have children who may have an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

Staff Parking – Staff will park in the northwest corner of the IBC parking lot.

Meals with children – Staff and children will eat family style and children will be allowed to serve themselves. Mealtimes will include meaningful conversation and will promote social interaction, encourage good table manners and develop sound nutritional habits. Children will be encouraged to clean up after themselves. Children will not be forced to eat and will be encouraged to try new foods as introduced. Meals will never be withheld as a form of punishment.

Discrimination – Questions and/or concerns regarding discrimination issues in the workplace should be brought to the attention of the director. Any employee found to be engaging in any type of unlawful discrimination will be subject to disciplinary action which may also include termination of employment.

Sexual/other Harassment – The Train Station is committed to providing a work environment which is free of any type of harassment. Actions, words, jokes or comments based on an individual's sex, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or any other legally protected characteristic will not be tolerated. Any employee who wants to make a report regarding harassment should immediately, after the incident make the report to the Director. Anyone engaging in any type of harassment is subject to disciplinary action and possible termination of employment.

Violence in workplace – Violence is not allowed in any form on the Train Station premises. Any conduct found to be in violation, will lead to immediate termination.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Center Director

Qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age
- High school diploma or GED
- One year's experience as a manager or satisfactorily completed 1 DCF approved course in business or program administration
- One year's experience as a center director or child care teacher in a licensed center or kindergarten or have satisfactorily completed 1 course in early childhood education or its equivalent.
- Possess certificate from The Registry, verifying training requirements have been met.
- The director will act as the licensee.

Duties:

- Implement all state and center policies
- Supervise planning and implementation of center's program.
- Supervise staff
- Conduct staff meetings
- Report to DCF all necessary information required for licensing
- Day to day operations
- Hire/orient/evaluate staff; conduct criminal background checks

Assistant Director

Qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age
- High school diploma or GED
- Meet training and experience requirements in one of the DCF approved combinations as stated in the rules book.
- Possess certificate from The Registry, verifying training requirements have been met

Duties:

- Supervise planning and implementation of center's program
- Center finances
- Maintain staff and children's files
- Assist director in orienting new classroom staff
- Plan continuing education trainings for staff

Supervised by: Center Director

Child Care Teacher

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- High school diploma or GED
- Meet training and experience requirements in one of the combinations approved by DCF as stated in the rules book
- If working with Infants and Toddlers, must also have completed a course in the care of Infants & Toddlers.
- Possess certificate from The Registry, verifying training requirements have been met.

- Duties:
- Lesson plans, implementing the plans
- Supervising daily activities for classroom
- Interacting with children and parents
- Maintaining classroom in orderly and clean fashion

Supervised by: Center Director

Assistant Child Care Teacher

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- Satisfactorily completed 1 DCF-approved course or be enrolled in a training within 6 months after assuming the position.

Duties:

- Assist the child care teacher.
- When fully meeting training requirement, may be the staff person in charge for first two, or last two, hours of the day.

Supervised by: Center Director

Cook

Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age and will receive 4 hours of orientation and training each year on proper food handling, kitchen sanitation and nutrition.

Duties:

- Preparing menus
- Preparing meals and snacks
- Shopping for meals and snacks
- Maintaining sanitary conditions in the kitchen
- Washing and storing dishes

Supervised by: Center Director