

INTRODUCTION

The Berwick Area YMCA Child Care Center was established to meet the ever growing need for quality child care. Here, children ages 6 weeks to 5 years receive the best possible care in a warm, loving atmosphere, Our Child Care Center offers a safe, secure child-oriented environment that address the intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Child Care Policies Hours of Operation

The YMCA Child Care is open from 6:30 am-5:30 pm Monday through Friday, 52 weeks a year. Child Care is officially closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas. We close early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Enrollment

Infants: 6 weeks—12 months
Young Toddlers: 13—24 months
Older Toddlers: 25—36 months
Preschool: 3 years—5 years

What you will need:

- ◆ A crib sheet and blanket for naptime
- ◆ Diaper changing needs
 - Diapers
 - Wipes
 - Creams/ointments
- ◆ Full Change of clothes
- ◆ Sneakers or rubber soled shoes in order to prevent accidents in the gym or on the playground



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Berwick YMCA Child Care

Children ages 6 weeks to 5 years



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Daily Activities:

Using the PA Early Learning Standards, your child will be offered opportunities to make choices, provided with ample opportunities for creative expression, allowed the freedom to explore their environment, permitted to get messy during play, and encouraged to work independently. We value children's ideas and promote problem solving by encouraging them to see tasks through completion. By using these methods the YMCA can reinforce early positive growth.

Registration Fee:

A \$25.00 non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee is required for participation in this program, you will not receive this payment back in cash nor credit once paid. It does not go toward your regular monthly tuition payment. This holds your child's spot until you start.

Tuition:

Prices vary according to the child's age. Call for a quote for your child's specific age group. Payments are to be made on a monthly basis. They are due on the 25th of the month. Payment is required for all days that your child is scheduled rather than days that your child attends. Each family is allowed up to 2 weeks vacation time.

Our Staff

We have a dedicated, enthusiastic well trained staff of professionals:

- Care about your child's well being
- Certified in First Aid and CPR and AED
- Exceed requirements of Department of Human Services
- Receive ongoing training in education, health and safety
- Have State Police, FBI, Child Abuse and NSOR clearances

Our Centers

- Loving, caring learning environment
- PA Early Learning Standards
- Gym, Art and Music
- Circle time activities
- Fine Motor skill activities
- Outdoor playground
- Field trips
- Licensed through DHS

Meals:

Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are provided to all children except for infants. Parents need to supply all food for their infants. A monthly menu is provided. We encourage children to try new foods. You are always welcome to pack food for your child.

Drop off & Pick Up

We keep a log of times that children are dropped off and picked up. All children must be signed in and out daily. Children will only be released to those on their release form, and a drivers license will be required for any pick-up person listed. All children must be picked up by 5:30 pm to avoid the \$1.00 a minute late fee.

Health Policy

A current health care form must be kept on file for all children enrolled in the center. Physicals must be completed annually to maintain enrollment and all immunization records must be kept up to date. New applicants have 30 days to bring in a completed health care form.

Right to Dismiss

We reserve the right to dismiss any child from the program if, at the Y's discretion, the enrollment of the child negatively affects the integrity of the program and/or the Y's legal obligations through and under the PA Department of Public Welfare. We reserve the right to withdraw a child for non-payment of fees agreed upon, repeated failure of parents to pick up child on time, failure to provide program with forms or current medical information as stipulated by State Licensing, continuous disciplinary problems, and hostility by parents towards Y staff or volunteers.