

Policy on Supervision of Children

Family Centre Policy #002



Purpose and intent

- 1 The Family Centre (FC) is an inclusive facility focused on building the strengths, wellbeing, and health of children and families. As such, children and families are always welcome in our facility. However, FC cannot assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of children left unattended in the building.
- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to **ensure safety and wellbeing through the proper supervision of children within FC** by outlining supervision expectations for parents/guardians, assigned caregivers, and/or the individual/organizations responsible within the FC Rental Contract.
- 1.2 In an effort to ensure their safety and well-being within our facility and to maintain an atmosphere of appropriate facility use, the following policy has been adopted by the Family Centre Steering Committee. This policy will be reviewed bi-annually/as needed to ensure that it remains appropriate to the needs of the community involved with the Family Centre.

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- 2 Responsibility for the welfare and the behaviour of children using FC ultimately rests with the **responsible party**: FC tenants, the parent/guardian, an assigned caregiver, and/or the individual/organization responsible within the FC Rental Contract (renter).
- 2.1 The responsible party shall not leave a child less than 16 years of age without making provision for his or her supervision and care that is reasonable in the circumstances.
- 2.2 The safety of children is the responsibility of the responsible party. Children must be monitored by an adult at all times, including common areas like washrooms and hallways.
- 2.3 Children under the age of five (5) must remain in the eyesight of their parents/guardians or, if in the confines of a room during a scheduled program, must be supervised by the renter/tenant.
- 2.4 The renter/tenant is responsible for vacation of program space at completion of scheduled hours, and the return of all children to the care of their parent/caregiver for continuing supervision.