



Child Care Safety

Best Practices for FRCs



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A Safe Child Care Space Activity

- As a team, draw your ideal Safe Child Care Space.
- Tell us about the Safe Child Care Space your team created.
- What are the 3 most important parts of the Safe Child Care Space you created?

Safe Staff-Child Ratios

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| Infants | (1:3) and (2:4-7) |
| Toddlers | (1:4) and (2:5-9) |
| Preschool | (1:10) full day center (1:12) half day center |
| School-Age | (1:13) |
| Mixed Age Group | (1:3) and (2:4-9) [infants up to 2 years 9 mos.] (1:5) and (2:6-9) [15 mos. to 7 years] (1:10) and (2:11-20) [2 years 9 mos. to 7 years] (1:15) and (2:16-30) [4 years 9 mos. to 7 years] |

Safe Staffing: Things to Consider

- Staffing
 - How many kids can staff safely supervise?
 - Do staff/volunteers get background checks?
 - What kind of training do staff/volunteers get?
 - How are staff protecting themselves?
 - What does active supervision look like?

Safe Spaces: What to look for

- Who can access the space?
- Is there a plan for emergencies?
- Is the space child-proofed?
 - Outlets should be covered
 - Cords and blinds should be up out of reach
 - Furniture that can tip should be secured
 - Tripping hazards should be taped down
 - Choking hazards should be out of reach
 - When possible, furniture should be appropriately sized

Making Shared Spaces Work

- The Backpack
 - First Aid Kit
 - Clipboard: Attendance/Emergency Contacts
 - Outlet Covers
 - Duct Tape
 - Cell Phone
 - Wipes/Tissues
 - Crayons, Coloring Books, Playdough, etc.
- Movable Items
 - Bean Bags and Rugs
 - Box, Bin, Milk Crate, or Cart of Supplies

Hygiene

- Bathroom Procedure
- Diapering
- Handwashing
- Food Service
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Illness

FRC Spotlight

- Greenfield FRC Child Care Space Presentation

Challenges

- What are some challenges of creating a Safe Child Care Space?

Next Steps

- Training
- Templates/Checklists
- Visits to observe other FRCs
- Work Group

Questions?

