

Supervision: Think proactively



There are many things to consider when supervising children. “Caring for our Children,” from the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Childcare and Early Education sets national standards for health and safety requirements for childcare facilities.

- Caregivers/teachers should directly supervise infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children by sight and hearing at all times, even when the children are going to sleep, napping or sleeping, are beginning to wake up, or are indoors or outdoors.
- Caregivers should always be able to see, hear, direct, and assess children at all times.
- Caregivers/teachers should not be on one floor level of the building, while children are on another floor or in another room.
- Ratios should remain the same whether inside or outside.
- Caregivers/teachers should regularly count children, name-to-face, on a scheduled basis, at every transition, whenever leaving one area and arriving at another, and going indoors or outdoors, to confirm the safe whereabouts of every child at all times.
- Caregivers/teachers must be able to state the names and whereabouts of the children in their assigned groups at all times.

“Supervise—to be physically present with a group of children or with the facility person under supervision. Critical oversight—the supervisor can see, hear, direct and assess the activity of the supervisee (children).” -Per chapter 3270.4 and 3270.113 of the DHS regulations.

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