

The FREE DAYCARE CONTRACT

The most complete and comprehensive Daycare Contract available; stopping future parent/provider issues before they happen, with clear and concise language that covers every logistical, social, moral, or other concern that may or may not arise now or in the future. Being a good child care provider starts with having a good daycare contract - a strong daycare contract - the best daycare contract.



Date of application _____ Date of start date _____

Child's name _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Birth date _____
Home address _____ City/Zip _____

Parent Name 1 _____
Home Phone _____ Mobile _____ Work _____
Email Address _____
Home Address _____ City/Zip _____

Parent Name 2 _____
Home Phone _____ Mobile _____ Work _____
Email Address _____
Home Address _____ City/Zip _____

1. Daycare Payments can be made by cash or check made payable to **[INSERT YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE]**.
2. **We are open Monday through Friday (7:30am to 5:30pm).** I/We will be need childcare for our child normally beginning at _____ o'clock and ending at _____ o'clock.

3. Please mark the days of the week you will need childcare.

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

4. Check One...

- Option 1:** I/We prefer to pay weekly (due on Monday of each week).
- Option 2:** I/We prefer to pay monthly (due on the 1st of each month).

Note: To figure out the monthly payment you do the following (weekly amount \times 52 weeks \div 12 months).

5. Our weekly or monthly selected tuition price is (refer to price sheet) \$_____.

6. The amount of the deposit equal to two weeks of payment for childcare is \$_____. The amount of the deposit listed will be credited towards the last two weeks of enrollment.

7. Persons other than parents authorized to pick up your child from **[INSERT YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE]**. **Note:** Written permission is necessary if you want someone other than one of the below listed to pick up your child.

Name _____ Home # _____ Mobile # _____

Name _____ Home # _____ Mobile # _____

8. The Following subjects are of special concern to us. **Both parents/custodians please initial each.** Your initials indicate each subject is read, understood, and agreed upon.

A. (_____) (_____) DIAPERS/WIPES: It is the parent's responsibility to provide diapers, wipes, and diaper cream for your child. **It is also the parent's responsibility to check periodically to see if or when your child needs more diapers, wipes, and cream, (not the providers).** Each child has his or her own labeled diaper bin, either in the infant/younger toddler room or older toddler/preschooler room, depending on the age of the child.

B. (_____) (_____) SHOES: Younger children love to take off their shoes. It is for this reason that we prefer **children come to daycare in shoes that lace up and/or stay on their feet.** If your child has these type of shoes on then we can control when and where they come on and off. Therefore we can assure that his/her shoes will be available for you at pickup. However, if your child comes to daycare in flip-flops, Crocks, or other types of shoes that fall off or get taken off, then we cannot guarantee their availability at pickup, as they will have most likely fallen off or been taken off and hidden in a outside toy or bush at some point during the day. **In times when these type of shoes are worn, due to matters outside of our full control, parents hereby resolve [INSERT YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE] of all responsibility for the shoes safe return and/or the ensuing scavenger hunt.**

- C. () () **TRIAL PERIOD:** The **first 30 days of your child's enrollment will be regarded as a trial period**, in which case either party may terminate the contract without notice. Each child responds differently to a new environment, new children/providers, and moms/dads absence. We are patient and good at what we do, so most of the time this is a non-issue. However, there are rare times in which we must consider the well being of the group (the other children in our care). If for whatever reason, either party feels our childcare environment may not be the best fit, either party reserves the right to utilize this time period as a trial and terminate the contract without resentment, judgment, or ill-will. In such cases, your two week deposit can either be utilized (with the exception of gross misconduct on part of provider/parent/child) or returned to you for immediate discontinuation of service.
- D. () () **TERMINATION POLICY:** After the first 30 days of enrollment, **60 Days written notice from parent or provider is required to terminate the contract**, with the exception of gross misconduct on part of the provider, parent, or child. **Whenever possible even more notice is better.** This helps us tremendously. Reason being, unlike childcare centers, we can only take a limited amount of children. So when we are full we are forced to say NO to all incoming requests for childcare. If we have advance notice of discontinuation of needed services then it is possible for us make future arrangements with new family's inquiring about daycare for their child. This helps to keep our open spots fluctuation to a minimum, and helps us be able to focus more on being the best childcare providers we can be, instead of worrying about "the bills", and putting food on the table.
- E. () () **HOURS OF OPERATION:** We are open from open **Monday through Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm. We close promptly at 5:30pm.** At 5:30pm each day we have to quickly run off to our children's soccer, baseball, karate, and wrestling games/practice. So please be considerate of our time when budgeting yours. If your late to pick up "once in a blue moon", because of bad traffic or whatever, we understand and no hard feelings. But if late pickups become a regular occurrence, then we may not be the best fit for your childcare needs, and we may be forced to terminate our childcare arrangement.
- F. () () **DAYCARE INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DOORS:** Children love to go through open doors. If a door is opened most of the younger children will follow you through it. As you can imagine this can be disruptive to temporarily loose control of which children are in which room with each parent pickup and drop off. **So please promptly close each door after opening it without letting any children following you through it.**
- G. () () **GUIDELINES REQUIRING EXCLUSION FROM DAYCARE:** **A child with any of the following illnesses must be completely free of any symptoms before returning to daycare.** If your child is taking antibiotics for an illness, your child may return to daycare after the initial 24 hours of beginning antibiotics as long as he or she has a slight to no fever (under 100F under the arm), no longer contagious, and is otherwise feeling well enough to participate in our daily schedule. Signs of illness include the following; unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying for no reason, runny nose (more than clear), cough (more than slight), difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting, mouth sores, rashes (note from doctor stating non-contagious is ok), pink eye, chicken pox, mumps, measles, roseola, hepatitis A, impetigo, lice, ringworm, scabies, strep throat, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, shingles, and any other contagious disease or rash. **Any child with a fever of 100 degrees or above, orally (in the mouth), or axillary (under the arm), may not attend daycare.** State law requires that we notify

parents of children who have been exposed to certain contagious diseases. Please notify us if your child becomes infected, so a note can be posted.

- H. () () PICK-UPS AND DROP-OFFS:** (a) **Please make your pick-ups and drop-offs brief (no more than a couple minutes).** As you can imagine it takes quite a bit of effort to retain control of a room full of two year olds. Children act up considerably when other parent's are present. If you linger this makes our job much harder. Please understand, we are a home daycare, and not a mommy and me class. If you feel the need to run around and play with kids, then may we suggest you take your child to a park and/or open your own daycare. (b) Please send your child clean, dressed (no pajamas, unless you don't mind your child wearing their pajamas all day), fed and ready for the day, as well as all of your child's necessary supplies needed for that day's care. (c) Never leave without telling your child goodbye (don't sneak out). (d) Please be in control of your child during drop-off and pick-up times.
- I. () () OTHER PARENT'S CHILDREN:** Parent's entrust us, and us alone to care for their children. Please do not play with other parent's children, do not pick up other parent's children, and do not discipline other parent's children.
- J. () () SUPPLIES NEEDED AT DAYCARE:** Parents are responsible for supplying the following items: diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper creams, toothbrush, weather appropriate clothes and a change of clothes, jacket, pacifier (if needed). We supply and apply sunscreen every day to any child playing outside. For the older children sleeping on a matt: a crib sheet, a blanket, and a pillow are needed. If necessary a comfort object for rest-time, and any thing else your child may need. **Your child's crib sheet, blanket, and pillow should be taken home every Friday and washed and returned to daycare the following Monday.** There is a good possibility your child will get dirty throughout the day because of food, paint, markers, dirt, bubbles, etc. So please dress your child accordingly for play. We are not responsible for replacing stained or soiled clothing. Furthermore we suggest that you write your child's name on the tags of their clothing (especially socks and underwear) in order to prevent any clothing mix-ups. **Note:** Please periodically check your child's locker/cubby to make sure they still have all of their necessary items needed at daycare. Further more, as the weather changes throughout the year, so do your child's items needed at daycare. **We greatly appreciate your adherence to this subject, as it helps ours and the children's day run more smoothly to have all of his or her necessary belongings with them at daycare. This way we can care for your child in the best possible way.**
- K. () () TOYS AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS:** (a) **Please do not bring your child's toys to daycare except on designated sharing/show and tell days.** As much as we try to encourage sharing, this seldom works when it is the child's own personal toy. It only causes problems between them and the other children. (b) Please do not ask if your child can take toys home. Daycare toys stay at daycare. (c) We encourage you to bring a personal item from home for your child to sleep with if you believe it will help him/her to sleep or feel more comfortable. However, we suggest you don't get into the habit of bringing your child's most prized possession (their "bunny" or "blanky") to daycare as there is a strong possibility of it eventually getting misplaced. If it's just used at nap time then that's pretty controlled and usual fine. However, if your child carries this item around with them all day then it's only a matter of time until it gets lost. We do our best to keep track of all the children's items and to ensure their availability at pickup, but keeping track of the children and ensuring their availability at pickup, is

by a very large margin, our main priority. **Therefore, just as with the shoes, if a personal item gets misplaced, parents hereby resolve [INSERT YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE] of all responsibility for the items safe return and/or the ensuing scavenger hunt.**

L. (_____) (_____) **DAYCARE HOURS AND COMMUNICATION:** Good, open, and regular communication is at the heart of any good childcare provider and parent team. We could not believe that statement to be more true. However, that being said, an appropriate balance between communication and our hours of operation should strive to be maintained. It goes unsaid that we love our job. But that job is very demanding. In the interest of mental longevity we need our down time to recharge the batteries as it were. So please feel free to contact us, with the smallest or slightest thought regarding your child (or anything for that matter), but while doing so, please try and keep in mind our hours of operation are from 7:30AM to 5:30PM Monday through Friday. Of course if it's a real or even perceived emergency please don't hesitate to contact us after hours. Example, your child has unusual or excessive diarrhea or vomiting and you are trouble shooting as to why, or to inquire or to give us a heads-up with regards to a multitude of other troubling sicknesses, or something that can simply not wait. But for the everyday questions and/or the ones that can wait until tomorrow please hesitate until such time. Thank you for your understanding.

By signing this agreement, I/we understand and hereby agree to comply with all of the policies and procedures of [INSERT YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE] with regards to fees, health, attendance, and other items specified in the parent-provider contract/enrollment application and the Parent Handbook provided. This contract will be entered into at the time of enrollment and/or when the parent-provider contract/enrollment application is signed by both parent and provider. This contract between the parent and provider will be considered over on the last day of a 60 Day notice given by either the parent or the provider, or the last day the child attends [INSERT YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE]. **I/we am aware of the provider holidays, sick/personal days, two weeks of paid vacation per year, and late charges. I/we am aware that regular payment rates apply for parent vacations, provider vacations, weeks with holidays, and provider's sick/personal days. I/we understand that no refund of payment can be given. I/We understand that my child's scheduled days of enrollment cannot be switched around on a weekly basis. I/we understand that to enroll my child, a two week nonrefundable deposit is required.**

BOTH PARENTS/CUSTODIANS NEED TO READ AND SIGN.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Provider Signature _____ Date _____

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