

Category 2. Health, Safety, & Security of the Physical Environment

A. Quality programs have written policies & procedures that are provided to staff and families that promote the health and wellbeing of staff, families, and youth.

- 2-A1.** Program provides a welcoming environment that safeguards and promotes the health and safety of children and youth.
- 2-A2.** Program has a policy that promotes healthy snacks/meals and water is easily accessible to children and youth. If serving snacks/meals, the programs meet United States Department of Agriculture standards as well as local and state standards for food preparation and service.
- 2-A3.** Program has policies and procedures in place to ensure the cleanliness of the environment into which youth comes in contact; staff is trained in all areas.
- 2-A4.** Program has a health policy, which includes but is not limited to medication distribution, immunizations, dietary restrictions, allergies, disabilities, mental illness, or other health concerns, as well as regulations that prevent the spread of illness (communicable/infectious disease).
See resources NV Dept. of Health and Human Services (NRS 441A)
- 2-A5.** Program has a wellness policy that promotes good nutrition, nutrition education, and physical activities.
- 2-A6.** Program has procedures in place for emergency preparedness including drills and safety plans. Continuity of operations, communication plan, crisis response.

B. Quality programs have written policies and procedures that are provided to staff and families that ensure the safety and well-being of staff, families, children and youth.

- 2-B1.** Program maintains accurate and accessible records of children and youth. Staff is made aware of any special health needs of children
- 2-B2.** Internet safety procedures are in place.
For internet use at the program site and remotely interacting with program from another location
- 2-B3.** Staff is identifiable to families and youth. Staff is trained to safely supervise children and youth according to their abilities, ages, and needs. Procedures are in place for staff to track a participant's movements from one location to another and provide safe transportation when off-site
- 2-B4.** Staff makes daily inspections of grounds, facility, and equipment for potential hazards and safety hazards are corrected.
- 2-B5.** Program has policies to address safety issues both on and off-site.
General safety plan for day-to-day operations, aligned with state/local requirements.
- 2-B6.** Program has health permits and other permits as required by local State and County agencies that are up-to-date, valid, and are publicly displayed.
- 2-B7.** Medicines (Prescription over the Counter) are identified as such and kept in a secured and locked place away from children/youth. Staff is trained in correct storage and dispensation/dispensing, and recording of medications to youth.
- 2-B8.** Hazardous materials are identified as such and kept in a secured and locked place away from children/youth.
- 2-B9.** Program has procedures in place to manage arrival, dismissal, and pick-up procedures including written parent/guardian or authorized individual acknowledgement and permission, and verification of parent/guardian or authorized individual's identification at release.
- 2-B10.** Program has policy that addresses security, safety, emergency contacts and release information procedures for staff and children during on and off-site activities.