

# **Expectations and Policies**

#### KIDS CAN COMMUNITY CENTER

### PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Kids Can offers childcare and education programs for children ages 18-months to 13-years-old. For our toddlers and preschoolers, we utilize the Creative Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears, and Healthy Alternatives for Little Ones. For school-aged children, we utilize **STEMsmart** activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Strength, Music, Arts, Reading & Tutoring) as well as other curriculum such as Keyboarding Without Tears. On-site childcare at Kids Can is state-licensed and accepts Title XX payments.

#### The **KIDS CAN** Promise:

Keep parents informed • Introduce new learning activities • Discipline fairly and calmly • Strengthen your child's independence & self-esteem Care for each child with dignity and respect • Affordable childcare for every family • Nutritious breakfast, lunches and meals!

### PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Parents are expected to provide all required paperwork, registration forms, and release forms. All information must remain current and updated on an annual basis.

We ask parents to respond to urgent calls as soon as possible. Please be accessible or have a designated individual to pick up your child in the event of illness or emergency situation.

### ILLNESS EXLUSION POLICY

Children will be excluded from the program if the following is observed by caregivers, and will be allowed to return to programming by presenting a doctor's note stating that the child is cleared to return:

Any communicable diseases including: mouth sores associated with inability to control saliva; oral or axillary temperature equal to or greater than 102 degrees Fahrenheit; rash with fever or behavioral change; discharge (mucus/puss) from the eyes; persistent vomiting or diarrhea; or unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing or other signs of severe illness.

## **DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

A child can receive up to three written Behavior Notices before they are suspended from the program; the length of suspension will depend on the infraction. If a child continues to receive Behavior Notices after suspension, they may be terminated from the program. However, some situations will dictate automatic suspension such as violent acts or bullying. In these instances, a coordinating staff member will decide the proper action. A child will be automatically terminated from the program for weapon's possession, controlled substance possession, physical violence resulting in injury, or destruction of property. Termination from the program however is at the discretion of the management.

### GET TO KNOW KIDS CAN

The mission of Kids Can Community Center is to educate, engage and inspire children through early childhood care and out-of-school experiences. We serve the community with a variety of programs such as preschool, childcare, before-school, after-school, out-of-school programs, tutoring, and mentoring. Hours of childcare operation are Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM (general office hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM).

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Kids Can Community Center (402) 731-6988

For childcare regulations, questions regarding childcare licensing, or to file a complaint please call the Department of Health and Human Services-Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Children's Services Licensing at 1-800-600-1289 or (402) 471-1802