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## Tot Watch Parent Handbook

The David & Thu Brulé YMCA of Marquette County



## Special Accommodations

Please communicate any special circumstances or accommodations your child need prior to leaving them in Tot Watch. Our staff will make an effort to accommodate those needs.

Non-Walker Reservations can be made on our website at [ymcamqt.org](http://ymcamqt.org) or at the front desk!

## Behavior Guidelines

Tot Watch staff uses positive guidance methods including reminders, distractions, logical consequences and redirection to encourage appropriate behavior. If a staff member must spend more than 10-15 minutes using any of these methods on one child, the parent or guardian will be called to pick them up immediately and a behavior report will be written.

## Hours

### Change seasonally

Please view our updated schedule

# WELCOME TO

**WELCOME!** Busy parents need support. When parents come to the YMCA for a class, group activity or workout, their kids need a safe, enriching environment. Somewhere they can build healthy, trusting relationships with other kids and adults.

At Tot Watch, children ages 12 weeks and older play and participate in group activities under the supervision of caring, trained Y staff while their parents relax, connect with other Y members and enjoy healthy activities at the Y.

## **Tot Watch fees:**

Non-members are welcome to use Tot Watch! The pricing varies between members and non-members. The fees are explained in the Tot Watch room.

Tot Watch is a fee that is charged separately from membership.

## **Safe Beginnings**

We put safety first with our check-in procedure; children are checked in at the front desk by parent/guardian each time prior to heading to Tot Watch.

If someone else is picking up your child, they must be listed on the child's registration form. We require a picture ID for this person.

## **Tot Watch Staff**

Our goal is provide a nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for your child while you are at the Y. Tot Watch staff members are certified in CPR and First Aid. Our staff exhibit qualities that exemplify the YMCA character values of Honest, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility.



# TOT WATCH

## **Keeping Kids Healthy**

In order to keep a clean and healthy environment for our children and staff, we ask that you **DO NOT** bring your child to Tot Watch if they are sick or displaying any sign of illness. Please do not bring a child if they have these symptoms:

- Fever of 100° or higher within 24 hours
- Vomiting, sore throat, eye infection or diarrhea within 24 hours
- Unusual spots or rashes and other infectious illnesses
- Just not feeling well

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms, they are **not permitted in Tot Watch until 24 hours after these symptoms have stopped**, or without written consent from your doctor that your child is not contagious.

Staff reserve the right to page or text parents for pick-up should a child display any of these symptoms.

## **Your Child's Comfort**

**FOOD:** Children should be sufficiently fed prior to their arrival. Snacks are not provided and no food is allowed in the Tot Watch room.

For safety reasons, **NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED**. Closed drink containers are allowed but must be labeled with the child's name.

**CRYING:** Should your child become and remain upset for more than 10-15 minutes, staff will page or text you. Pacifiers and car seats are encouraged for infants. It is helpful if pacifiers are attached to children with clips.

**DIAPERS:** Make sure your child has a clean diaper on when you sign them in. Tot Watch is not a licensed day-care facility, we cannot change diapers. A staff member will come get you if needed.