

"Our mission is to provide creative learning experiences to stimulate our children socially, emotionally, spiritually, Intellectually and physically in a loving Christian environment."

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WELCOME

Children's Weekday Ministries prides itself on its well-rounded program. Our classes are purposely kept small. All our teachers are highly qualified through experience and professional training, as well as being warm, loving Christian women. All our teachers are required to attend yearly on-going in-service training.

Our program offers several options from which you may choose.

- → <u>Preschool (6weeks-3 years)</u>, classes are available Monday through Friday 9:00am-2:30pm and you may pick 2, 3, 4 or all 5 days in any combination that you choose. Once your days are set they must stay the same for the continuation of your registration year.
- → <u>PreK (3years-5years)</u>, classes are offered 3, 4 or all 5 days in any combination that you choose. Once your days are set they must stay the same for the continuation of your registration year. All children registering for PreK <u>MUST</u> be completely potty trained before start date.

Rates for each option, along with the annual registration fee, are shown on the <u>Registration Form</u>. The Registration Fee covers classroom start-up costs, classroom supplies, class parties and special events brought in during the year.

Payment or Payment Plan of the registration fee is required at the time of registration & is non-refundable. Registration Fees must be paid in full by the last day of the Summer Session.

You have two options for your child when registering them.

- → Traditional School Year (September-May): Your child will continue with the same days and tuition amount from September-May. You may also sign your child up for the summer session with this option. You will need to fill out the Summer Registration Form.
- →Summer Session (June-Aug): Your child will continue with the same days (may be different than the regular School Year) and tuition amount from June-Aug. You will need to fill out the Summer Registration Form along with your School Year Registration Form. The Summer Program is only available for children registering for the next school year also.

We are a licensed child care center and information on <u>Minimum Standards</u> is provided by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Service.

If any parent would like to review the <u>Minimum Standards</u> or the most recent licensing inspection report, please come to the CWM office. We have a copy that you are welcome to review.

Local Licensing Office | 1-800-862-5252

PRS Child Abuse Hotline | 1-800-252-5400

PRS Website | http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/

ENROLLMENT

→ All students who will be attending CWM need to have completed Enrollment Packet before beginning preschool. This paperwork may be found by clicking the ENROLLMENT PACKET BUTTON.



The following forms and information must be in your child's school file and be kept current. It is the parent's responsibility to update the CWM office of any changes, such as, but not limited to: address, phone number, shot records, doctors, pick up list, credit/debit card etc.

Enrollment Form Well Statement | Shot Records | Vision & Hearing (4yrs)

Parent Acknowledgement & Release Food Allergy Plan (If child has allergy)

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Financial Agreement

School Year Registration Summer Registration Form (If attending)

→ All Infants (Birth-17month) will need to have a signed and dated <u>OPERATIONAL POLICY ON INFANT SAFE SLEEP</u> in your child's school file.

- → The Registration Fees | These fees cover snack, classroom start-up costs, classroom supplies, class parties and special events brought in during the year. All Registration Fees are due at the time of enrollment by either paying in full or setting up a payment plan. Registration Fees are non-refundable and discounts do NOT apply.
- → Special Needs | At this time, CWM staff is not trained in specialized techniques to meet the needs of certain children. Due to the complex nature of this training, CWM is not equipped to offer enrollment to children with special needs. If you have a question about if we are able to accept your child, please call the office to schedule an appointment.
- Removal from CWM | CWM reserves the right to remove a child from the classroom or program. We will work with the parents and teachers to avoid removal from school when at all possible. When making these decisions, we take your child and the other children into consideration.

Reasons for removal may be any of the following, but not limited to these only.

Non Payment of Tuition Unresolved Parent Issues Behavior Issues

Biting Running from Classroom



CHILD'S HEALTH

- → The Health and Wellness of our students is very important to us. We ask that you adhere to the CWM policies on your child's health. We realize that staying home with a sick child may be an inconvenience, but please consider the other children and the staff at CWM. A child can not actively participate if they do not feel well and we are not set up for sick care. If your child is not feeling well, or is in an infectious stage of cold or other illness, please do not send them to school.
- → COVID POLICY | Please click the link to read the current Covid policy at CWM.



CWM COVID POLICY

- \rightarrow We do NOT accept children who are running a fever of 100.4 or greater.
- → Children need to be fever free for 24 full hours before attending school. If you have given any fever reducing medicine within the last 4 hours there is no way to know if they are fever free. Please make sure your child is fever free without the aid of medicine before returning to school. This will aid in keeping illness from spreading.
- → Children also need to be kept home for 24 hrs if they have any of the following, with or without fever.

Thrown up in the last 24 hours for any reason

Had 2 or more Diarrheas in the last 24 hours

Pink Eye or Goopy Eye

Rash of any kind

Cough or Runny Nose

Sore Throat

- → Please notify the school if your child has a communicable disease (Chicken Pox, Hand/ Foot/ Mouth, etc.) so that we may notify other parents regarding exposure and symptoms to watch for.
- → In the event that your child becomes ill at school, a parent or authorized person will be notified.
- → In case of serious injury, we will seek emergency medical treatment and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

CWM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE HEALTH POLICY WHEN CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS BECOMES AN ISSUE AT CWM. WE ASK THAT YOU BE PATIENT AND HELP US TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- → All children are required to have a current signed and dated copy of shot records in his/her school file.
- → If you need more information about immunization schedule please visit <u>www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/schedule/.</u>
- → Due to the age of our students, they will be getting booster shots often. Please remember to bring a current copy of immunizations after each booster.
- → CWM does not allow children to register without current shot records. If your child is deferring shots, please have your pediatrician note that.

HEARING & VISION SCREENING

- → Texas Department of Regulatory and Protective Services requires all children that are 4 years old by September of each year to have their vision and hearing screened. Your child must have this done and signed by your doctor.
- → You may take the Well Statement to your doctor to complete or they may provide you with a signed form.
- → We ask that, when you take your child in for their 4 year old checkup, you ask your doctor at that time to do the exam. Some doctors will only do if you ask them for it. This may be turned in and we will keep in your school file.



WELL STATEMENT FORM

DISPENSING OF MEDICATION

→ If it is necessary for your child to be administered medication while at school, you will need to bring the completed Authorization for Dispensing Medication form along with the original medication with your child's name on it.



AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION FORM

- → Under NO circumstances should medicine be kept inside your child's backpack or lunch box.
- → Medicine may not be mixed inside a drink cup or bottle. We can not guarantee another child will not drink out of the cup or bottle.
- → All medication must be in the proper container with the child's name on it. (Prescription or Non-Prescription)
- → If medication needs to go home daily, it is the parents responsibility to pick it up in the office.

THOURS OF OPERATION

- → CWM offers classes Monday through Friday.
- → CWM offers hours from 7:00am-5:30pm
- → Preschool and PreK Class time is 9:00am-2:30pm
- → We ask that you observe the school hours, as a child is more comfortable settling into the activities with the other children rather than entering a classroom that is already involved in an activity. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT children after 10:00am. Reasons that will be accepted to come after 10am need to be appointments with doctor/dentist with note and prior approval from the CWM office. If you have prior approval to go to doctor/dentist, the child must be at school by 11:00am, we will not accept children after 11:00am. CWM is a preschool and not a daycare; bringing a child in after 10:00am is disruptive to the classroom and not a good transition for the child.
- → Extended Care Options

Early Care | 7:00am-9:00am

Late Care | 2:30pm-5:30pm

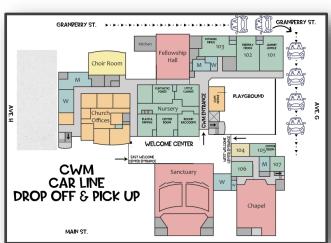
© DROP OFF (9:00AM)

- → CWM uses a car line for drop off each day for the 9am drop off time. Please see the Map below.
- \rightarrow Drop off begins at 9:00am in the car line.
- → Teachers will come to your car and take your child out of the car seat.
- → Parent is responsible for checking in your children on the Brightwheel App.
- → Teachers go inside at 9:15am. If you are dropping off later than 9:15am, you need to call the office to let us know.
- → Children will NOT be accepted after <u>10am</u> without prior approval from the office. Reasons that will be accepted to come after <u>10am</u> include appointment for the child with doctor/dentist with a note and prior approval. If you have prior approval for the doctor/dentist, the latest you may drop off is <u>11am</u>.

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conversation, please call the CWM office to schedule this time.







- → CWM uses a car line for pick up each day for the 2:30pm pick up time. Please see the Map above.
- \rightarrow Pick up begins at 2:15pm and ends at 2:30pm.
- → Teachers will bring your children out to the car. We will only be able to put a child in a properly installed car seat.
- → Parent is responsible for checking out your children on the Brightwheel App.
- → Class ends at 2:15 and all children must be picked up by 2:30pm. Any child who is still here at 2:35pm will be brought to the office and a \$15 fine will be added to your account. Please call the office at 281–540–7000 to let us know you are going to be late but are on your way. It is extremely helpful to us to be able to put your child's worries to rest.
- → Your child can only be released to those who are listed in the Brightwheel App, they will need to have their 4 digit code when dropping off & picking up. We realize that emergencies do occur and that you may need to make alternative plans. If this occurs, call the CWM office if something unforeseen happens. Please let the person picking your child up know that we will ask for a picture ID before we release your child. This includes parents and grandparents, if we do not know them.

10 EARLY CARE DROP OFF

- → Early Care is from 7:00am-9:00am
- → Teachers are ready for students at 7:00am.
- → Please park your car and come to the West Welcome Center entrance. Ring the Door Bell and a member of the office staff will buzz you into the Welcome Center. Ring the inside Door Bell on the Main CWM entrance and a member of the office staff will buzz you in.
- → If you are sending breakfast with your child, please remember breakfast time ends at 8:30am.
- \rightarrow If you are later than 8:55, please go through the car line at 9:00am.
- → Only children registered & paying for Early Care should be dropped off during Early Care.

11 LATE CARE PICK UP

- \rightarrow Late Care is from 2:30pm-5:30pm
- → Only children registered & paying for Late Care should be here after 2:30pm.
- → Late Care pick up begins at 2:30pm.
- → Please park your car and come to the West Welcome Center entrance. Ring the Door Bell and a member of the office staff will buzz you into the Welcome Center. Ring the inside Door Bell on the Main CWM entrance and a member of the office staff will buzz you in.
- → Our late care staff has to leave at 5:30pm, please do not be late. A late fee of \$15 will be charged to your account if you are later than 5:30pm.

12 ADDITIONAL DAYS & RATES

- → Every child is registered for certain days & times and is assured that space is held for them. However, we do understand that things come up and you may have a need for occasional additional care. In that case, it is necessary that you contact the CWM office for prior approval. We can not guarantee that we will have space for the day or time that you need.
- → In order to provide adequate staffing for the safety of all, please do NOT leave your child without this approval.
- → Your account will be charged separately from your tuition for the additional day or hours.

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NO SIBLING DISCOUNT IS APPLIED

Daily Rate | 9:00am-2:30pm

FOR EXTRA DAY/HOURS.

Late Care | 2:30pm-5:30pm

\$30 per child

13 IUIIION

- Tuition is due on the first class meeting of each month unless a different date is approved by the office. Please note the day of the month and amount on your Financial Agreement. This agreement must be signed and placed in your child's file. This signed agreement will be active until we receive 2 weeks written notice.
- → Automatic Recurring Payment is required for all students. This is included with the Financial Agreement.
- → Parent's are required to join the automatic billing option in Brightwheel for all automatic payments.
 - Brightwheel offers two options for how to set your payments up.
 - Bank Account (ACH) No Fee to Parent · Credit Card-2.9% Fee to Parent
- \rightarrow A fee of \$25 will be charged to your account for any declined payments.
- → As long as your child is enrolled in our program, you will need to pay the full monthly charge. If your child is absent during any portion of/or the entire month, you will be charged the full monthly amount. Tuition is the same amount each month for the entire session so that both you and CWM can budget accordingly.
- → We do not offer make-up days due to class numbers & staffing.

ME WITHDRAWING

→ If it becomes necessary for you to withdraw your child from the program, you are required to notify the CWM office in writing two weeks in advance. This serves a dual purpose in that it relieves you from incurring monthly tuition, and it allows us to fill the vacancy in that particular classroom.

15 CURRICULUM

- → We have found that using multiple sources for our curriculum works best for our students. The entire school works with the same weekly theme, colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and Bible lesson. With that information, each set of teachers is given the task of picking out activities for their class needs in the following five areas: Story Time, Craft, Daily Activity and Free Play. The PreK Classes will also have Kids in the Kitchen & Science. These will be posted on the monthly calendar inside your child's daily folder. This calendar should stay in the folder for quick reference.
- → Music & Movement Class: Each class will enjoy Music & Movement for 10-20 min each day depending on age. The children will learn songs & play with different musical instruments and activities.
- → Classes are designed to help aide in Social, Emotional, Spiritual, Intellectual and Physical Development.

16 DISCIPLINE & GUIDANCE

→ We have created a positive classroom environment where self discipline is learned and creativity is expressed. It is our feeling that a child who is stimulated by the surrounding environment will be happier, more secure, and eager to cooperate.

https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/laws-regulations/forms/1099/1099.pdf

→ This information is provided per Texas Administrative Code (TAC) minimum standards.

Discipline must be: 1. Individualized and consistent for each child;

- 2. Appropriate to the Child's level of understanding; and
- 3. Directed toward teaching the child acceptable behavior and self-control.

A caregiver may only use positive methods of discipline and guidance that encourage self-esteem, self-control, and self-direction, which include at least the following:

- 1. Using praise and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only upon unacceptable behavior;
- 2. Reminding a child of behavior expectations daily by using clear, positive statements;
- 3. Redirecting behavior using positive statements; and
- 4. Using brief supervised separation or time out from the group, when appropriate for the child's age and development, which is limited to no more than one minute per year of the child's age.

There must be NO harsh, cruel, or unusual treatment of any child. The following types of discipline and guidance are prohibited:

- 1. Corporal punishment or threats of corporal punishment;
- 2. Punishment associated with food, naps, or toilet training;
- 3. Pinching, shaking, or biting a child;
- 4. Hitting a child with a hand or instrument;
- 5. Putting anything in or on a child's mouth;
- 6. Humiliating, ridiculing, rejecting, or yelling at a child;
- 7. Subjecting a child to harsh, abusive, or profane language;
- 8. Placing a child in a locked or dark room, bathroom, or closet with the door closed or open; and
- Requiring a child to remain silent or inactive for inappropriately long periods of time for the child's age.

- → With the above State Discipline and Guidance Policy in mind, CWM will use the steps below for discipline.
 - 1. Redirect Child
 - 2. Redirect and remind child of behavior expectations
 - 3. Time out in classroom (1 min per child's age) | Remind child of behavior expectations | this step will be done twice before separation from classroom.
 - 5. Separation from class | Time out in the office (1 min per child's age) | Remind child of behavior expectations
 - 6. CWM office reserves the right to call the parent to pick up child for the day or period of time.

17 COMMUNICATION

- →Communication with the Director
 - *Our Director, Melissa Audirsch, loves to meet with parents/guardians. If you are interested in chatting with her, please call the office at 281–540–7000 to schedule a time.
 - •Feel free to email: maudirsch@humblemethodist.com
- →Parent & Teacher Communication
 - *Our primary concern is loving and working with your children. Our teachers and staff are more than willing to talk with you. Please help us to work more effectively with your child by sharing your concerns.
 - •Our teachers are not able to talk at drop off or pick up with you for the safety of all children. If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet with the teacher, please contact the CWM office to schedule.
 - •You may message your child's teachers anytime on the Brightwheel App. Please give them time to respond, we have many fun activities going on during the day.
- →CWM will communicate with parents in many different ways. Please take a moment to get familiar with them.
 - •<u>Brightwheel</u> | Brightwheel is the #1 platform for early education! We will be using this platform to replace multiple task at CWM.

Including but not limited to-Electronic Files, Daily sheets, Check In-Check Out, Tuition Statements, Tax Statements, Monthly Auto Pay, Messaging

- You will need to download the Brightwheel app to your cell phone.
- Click the Brightwheel logo for instructions on how create your account.

•<u>CWM Website</u> | CWM is part of the Humble Methodist website. We are upgrading the CWM page to have a tab for each class. You will be able to use the website to find information for your child's class.

https://humblemethodist.com/cwmdayschool

•Facebook | CWM has a Facebook that we will post on occasionally. Click the graphic.



18 CALENDAR

- →CWM follows Humble ISD when making our calendar each year.
- →CWM publishes a Summer and School Year calendar with holidays and activities each year. These calendars can be found on the school website and inside your child's daily folder.

→Each class has a monthly calendar that will be inside a page protector in your child's daily folder. This calendar should be kept inside the folder for quick reference. On the school website you can download a class calendar to your phone for quick reference. REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER TO SCHOOL DAILY!

19 LUNCH

- →Parents will provide their child's lunch from home. It is the parent's responsibility to meet their child's nutritional needs and not CWM. Teachers will encourage children to eat the main part of their meal before opening treats.
- → Make sure that all food is cut into appropriate sizes for your child's age.
- → To eliminate the loss of any good utensils, we ask that you send plastic spoons for your child to use.
- →All containers should be clearly labeled with child's first and last name. NO GLASS CONTAINERS
- → Make sure to pack your child's lunch with a cold pack each day, if needed.
- →The refrigerator & Microwave are only available for the Llamas & Foxes...
- →CWM is NOT an ALLERGY FREE LUNCH school. However, if your child's class has a student with a severe food allergy, we will ask that class to not send that item for lunch.

20 SNACK

- →CWM will provide a morning snack that will meet the daily requirements set forth by the State of Texas with the money from your registration fee. If your child has any food allergies, please inform the CWM office and your child's teachers.
- →Llamas & Foxes will need to complete a snack permission form or send a snack each day. These children are all at different dietary needs based on their ages.

20 SCHOOL ATTIRE

- →Please dress your child in comfortable and practical clothing each day. Remember, we play and get messy!
- →Label all removable articles of clothing. Jackets and sweaters have a way of becoming separated from their owners; an item with a name on it is more likely to find its owner!
- →ALL children need to have two changes of clothing in a labeled zip lock bag in their cubby. Please include socks!
- For your child's safety on rain slick sidewalks and playground climbing toys, we do not allow the following shoes at CWM. Rainboots, Flip Flops, House Shoes, Cowboy Boots, Clogs or Heeled Shoes.

ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHOES TO GO OUTSIDE!

22 CHILDREN'S PERSONAL ITEMS

- →Please label ALL articles with your child's first and last name.
- Items that need to be labeled and are sometimes forgotten: (Not limited to just these items.)

Jackets & Sweaters Lunch Box Nap Mats Backpack/Bag

Cups/Bottles Pacifiers Breast Milk Bags Formula/Water Jug

26 TOYS BROUGHT TO CWM

- → Children are not allowed to bring toys from home to school. This creates a sharing problem with the other children and it is difficult to keep track of individual toys.
- →Do not send tablets or iPads with your children. We can not be responsible if toys are broken or lost.
- →Toys brought to school will be put into their backpack. If it becomes an issue, we will bring the toy to the office.

25 POTTY TRAINING

- →Our teachers are not responsible for potty training, but they will aid the parents on this journey.
- →We will not stress a child out over potty training at school. We will encourage children with positive praise.
- →We are not allowed to use potty seats or potty chairs for children.

25 CHAPEL TIME

- ightharpoonsWe will start each day at CWM with Chapel. It will be led under the direction of Ms. Melissa.
- →Chapel is a time to learn of God's love for each of us, as well as what it means to be a member of God's family.
- \rightarrow Throughout the year we will have special Chapel Time with Pastor Jim & Ms. Tiffany from First Methodist Humble.

26 ACTIVITIES AT CWM

Activity Days | Throughout the year we have activity days for the entire school. The money for these activities comes from your Registration Fees. If your child does not attend school on an activity day, you are welcome to bring your child up to join his/her class during the activity. However, you will need to stay with them throughout activity.

Example of Activities: Back to School Bash, Pumpkin Patch, Thanksgiving Family Breakfast, Snow Day, Community Helpers, Rodeo Day, The Cat in the Hat, Easter Bunny, Water Day, Bike Day

- →Class Parties | Throughout the year we have party days for the entire school. We will be asking parents to be room parents for parties. This will be on a sign up system and more information will come. The money for these parties comes from your Registration Fees. If your child does not attend school on a party day, you are welcome to bring your child up to join his/her class during the activity. However, you will need to stay with them throughout activity.
- →Birthdays | We believe your birthday is very special and we celebrate them accordingly. If you wish to bring a special treat or lunch for your child's class, please notify the teacher at least one day in advance. All treats brought must be store bought. NO HOMEMADE food is allowed.

27 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

We have developed general operating guidelines and procedures for a list of critical events and emergencies. This plan will not limit the use of experience, good judgment, common sense, discretion, flexibility, and ingenuity to adapt to any type of critical event, emergency, and the complexities which exist under emergency conditions.

- →CWM follows the decisions that Humble ISD makes for their schools.
- →We use the Brightwheel app to notify parents as soon as we have the information.
- →CWM's Planned Evacuation Sites

On-Site Evacuation

West Parking Lot on Ave G & Main Street

East Parking Lot on Ave H & Main Street

Off-Site Evacuation

Lot 801 N Ave. G | Humble, TX 77338

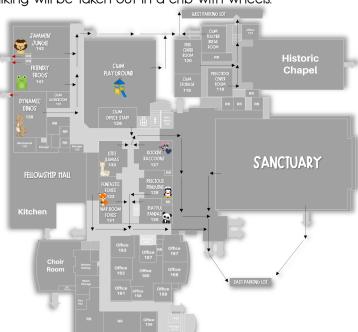
→WEATHER EMERGENCY WHILE AT SCHOOL

- *Severe Weather Warning such as Tornado, Hurricane, High Wind Etc.
- •All Children will be moved to the 3 interior classrooms with no windows.
- •CWM reserves the right to push back car line pickup due to weather safety.
- *Teachers will have access to Brightwheel for Parent & Emergency Numbers if needed.
- •Office staff will notify all parents that we are placed in shelter rooms and we are safe.

→FIRE EVACUATION

•Please see the map below. Children who are not walking will be taken out in a crib with wheels.

- •Parent's will be notified via Brightwheel.
- •Office Staff will notify if pick up is required.



→SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR CAR IN THE AREA

- · Key Fobs will not work to get in the building.
- The Security System will go on Complete Lockdown.
- Office Staff will notify parents we are on lock down and no one will be allowed in building. We will use the Brightwheel App to send an alert out to everyone.
- We have a one push EMERGENCY button on all three office computers to lock down the building within 3 seconds. We will use the button for a suspicious person or car in the area.

→INTRUDER IN BUILDING

- All classes will close and lock doors
- If it is safe to remove children out the back doors and to our second building we will do that.
- All employees will have the Brightwheel app with them to communicate with parents.
- Office Staff will notify parents we are on lock down and no one will be allowed in building.

→MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- *Assess the situation and determine if 911 needs to be called.
- *If yes, call 911 and talk with the operator and follow all instructions.
- •Students | Notify parent/guardian of the situation, including type of injury or illness.
- *Staff or Adults | Notify emergency contact of the situation, including type of injury or illness.
- •If it is deemed necessary to transport via ambulance, a member of the office staff will accompany the student, staff or adult.

Requirements regarding Gang-Free Zones

As a result of House Bill 2086 that passed during the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 42 of the Human Resource Code includes section 42.064, effective September 1, 2009. This new statute requires that information about gangeries of the Freezones be distributed to parents and guardians of children in care at licensed child care centers. The following is a tip sheet to assist in complying with the new law. This information may be posted at your child care operation or copies may be provided to parents.

What is a gang-free zone?

A gang-free zone is a designated area around a specific location where prohibited gang related activity is subject to increased penalty under Texas law. The specific locations include day care centers. The gang-fee zone is within 1000 feet of your child care center. For more information about what constitutes a gang-free zone, please consult sections 71028 and 71029 of the Texas Penal Code.

How do parents know where the gang-free zone ends?

The area that falls within a gang-free zone can vary depending on the type of location. The local municipal or county engineer may produce and update maps for the purposes of prosecution. Parents may contact their local municipality or court house for information about obtaining a copy of a map, if they choose to do so.

What is the purpose of gang-free zones?

Similar to the motivation behind establishing drug-free zones, the purpose of gang-free zones is to deter certain types of criminal activity in areas where children gather by enforcing tougher penalties.

What does this mean for my day care center?

A child care center must inform parents or guardians of children attending the center about the new gang-free zone designation. This means parents or guardians need to be informed that certain gang-related criminal activity or engaging in organized criminal activity within 1000 feet of your center is a violation of this law and is therefore subject to increased penalty under state law.

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