

3 CAREGIVING AREAS

These are the areas where children’s physical needs are met – diapering and toileting, naps and rest, meals and teaching hygiene practices such as brushing teeth and washing hands. They should still feel home-like and be set up for ease of use and cleanliness, but they should also support warm relationships, individual attention, and a sense of well-being.

MEALS

3.1

DESIGNATED EATING AREA SET UP WITH ENOUGH SAFE AND APPROPRIATELY-SIZED FURNISHINGS FOR RELAXED & COMFORTABLE MEALS

Children’s feet and backs are supported in chairs
Highchairs have straps

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

3.2

KITCHEN AREA IS SAFE

Microwave is out of children’s reach
Small kitchen appliances are stored securely; all cords out of reach
Stove & oven are used with attention to child safety
Childproof latches are installed on any cupboards and drawers that contain hazardous items

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

NAPS

3.3

EACH CHILD HAS OWN COT, MAT, OR BED THAT MEETS LICENSING CODE

Children do not share bedding
Bedding is kept separate & laundered often
Cots or mats are required to be 3 feet apart
Cots or mats for sleeping are at least 2” thick. (FCCERS)

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

3.4

CRIBS MEET CPSC AND ASTM SAFETY STANDARDS

Product number and information for each crib should be kept on file
Staff should inspect cribs regularly to ensure that there are no safety hazards
Cribs should be placed three feet apart
Cribs should only be used for sleeping
No blankets, pillows, or toys should be placed in cribs
Have firm mattresses and well-fitted sheets

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____




3.5

LIGHT LEVELS CAN BE REDUCED FOR SLEEP, BUT ROOM IS NOT COMPLETELY DARK

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3.6

REST AREA IS THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED

Area is available for non-napping children to read or play quietly
 Space is available for infants to sleep as needed on own schedule
 Space is arranged so that children can be easily supervised when sleeping

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

DIAPERING AND TOILETING

3.7

DIAPERING AREA IS SAFE & HYGIENIC

Diaper changing is done near sink with hot running water, liquid soap & paper towels
 Diapering is not done near food prep area or sink used for food prep
 Diapering surface is easily cleaned & sanitized or children each have personal changing mats
 Diapering supplies are stored securely
 Diaper pail is covered, plastic-lined & kept away from children
 Diapering area is ventilated with mechanical exhaust fan or close access to window that opens for fresh air
 Diapering area allows caregiver to supervise other children easily while changing diapers
 No-touch fixtures and dispensers are provided

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

3.8

BATHROOM(S) USED BY CHILDREN IS CLEAN, SAFE & APPROPRIATE




If potty chairs or child-sized toilet seats are used, they are sanitized after every use
 Sturdy step stool is available near sink for handwashing
 Pump soap & paper towels are available
 Located near children's activity areas
 No-touch fixtures and dispensers are provided

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