

**MCAS Cherry Point
Children and Youth Programs
Child Development Center**

Release of Liability/Taking Temperatures

I, the parent/guardian of _____ understand that neither the Marine Corps or Navy policies require the taking of children's temperatures to determine illness while enrolled for care at a military child care facility. I further understand that the Children and Youth Program (CYP) personnel take temperatures only as a courtesy to the children's parents or guardians and that a staff member will always ensure a child's parent or guardian is contacted whenever, in the staff member's opinion, a child "looks or acts sick". I also understand that it will then be my responsibility to seek further evaluation and diagnosis by an authorized medical provider.

I further understand that CYP personnel ARE NOT TRAINED MEDICAL PROVIDERS and therefore, may misreport a child's temperature due to misreading or misuse of the thermometer, or by using a defective thermometer. I also understand that injury or death could result to my child should I fail to seek medical evaluation base upon erroneous temperature reading reported by a staff member.

Consequently, based upon my understanding of the risks involved in relying on bodily temperature readings furnished by CYP, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless the United States Government, including the U.S. Marine Corps, Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), CYP, their offices, employees, agents, personnel, successors and assigns from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, losses, injuries, deaths, costs and expenses including attorney's fees and costs of suits arising out of or claimed on account of "courtesy temperature checks" furnished by staff members to assist in determining whether my child should receive child care or stay home due to illness.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

FOR PARENTS OF INFANTS ONLY

Infant sleep position policy/parent agreement

In accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Association of the Education of Young Children, the Children and Youth Programs at Cherry Point support and adhere to the best practices to ensure infants are well cared for and safe. Research supports that the easiest practice to lower a baby's risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is to put the infant on his/her back to sleep. We support the Back to Sleep Program and will place all young infants on their backs to sleep.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the CYP Infant Sleep Position Policy. I understand failure to comply with this policy will result in disenrollment.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Child Development Center and Cherry Tree House**

Child Guidance and Discipline Policy

Our goal is to promote self-control and appropriate social behavior in children and youth. We use positive methods to encourage development of these behaviors. Positive guidance helps children learn what is acceptable and what is not and helps children learn to make their own decisions.

Childcare providers set behavior limits based on positive guidance and redirection as they focus on teaching rather than punishing. Aggressive behaviors are most often present when children lack the skills to cope with frustrating situations and are to be handled by validating the child's feelings and/or redirecting the child to another activity.

Verbal abuse (including yelling or raised voices, threats and derogatory remarks) and any type of physical punishment such as squeezing to cause pain, jerking or pulling a child, slapping, hitting, restricting a child's movement or placing the child in an isolated or confined space are all forbidden and are grounds for immediate dismissal. Withholding or forcing meals, snacks or naps are also forbidden.

Our guidance strategies include:

- Use of clear directions
- Communication of age appropriate positive expectations/consequences
- Modeling appropriate verbal responses to conflicts
- Positive reinforcement
- Listening to the child
- Avoiding labeling of children
- Providing challenging activities or redirecting to alternative activities
- Ignoring behavior when appropriate to do so

Touch Policy

Physical contact is important for a child's development. A child/youth's self-esteem grows when they are cared for in a loving manner. Holding hands, a pat on the back, a reassuring hug (lasting 3 seconds or less), and for younger children, a lap to sit on and a reassuring back rub at nap time are all examples of nurturing gestures. These expressions of affection are natural for adults who work with children.

INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING IS GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISAL FOR ANY STAFF MEMBER

Some obvious examples of inappropriate touch are shoving, biting, squeezing, head and/or arm twisting, fondling, pinching and corporal punishment. No corporal punishment is allowed in CYP facilities by staff, parents, guardians or any other adult with permissions to interact with a child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Family Advocacy Program (FAP) 466-3264

24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)