

KIDS' ADVENTURE CLUB BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

PARENT HANDBOOK

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Pathways, Inc. Kids' Adventure Club is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing employment and operation of the school-age childcare program.

Kids' Adventure Club staff will adhere to Pathways, Inc.'s Vision, Mission, and Philosophy as well as all policies and practices in the agency's Employee Handbook, Infection Control Plan and Corporate Compliance.

PROGRAM LICENSE AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Site	Registration #	Location	Phone Number
Carder School	00040753 SACC	289 State Street, Corning NY	(607) 937-6035
Erwin Valley School	00040752 SACC	16 Beartown Rd, Painted Post NY	(607) 937-6142
Gregg School	00040754 SACC	164 Flint Ave, Corning NY	(607) 937-6040
Severn School	00040757 SACC	36 McMahon Ave, Corning NY	(607) 962-4418
Smith School	00040758 SACC	3414 Stanton Street, Painted Post NY	(607) 936-1363
Winfield School	00040751 SACC	193 Winfield Street, Corning NY	(607) 937-6043

Programs Available

Before School Program

Before school care is available from **6:30 am until school starts** to all **enrolled** elementary students in the Corning Painted Post School District. When a program is not available at your home site, transportation will be provided.

2-hour delay care is available **only** to those children enrolled in morning program on the specific day that the delay is called. Hours of operation are **8:30 am** until school begins.

If a 2-Hour Delay turns into a school closing after program opens a Program Administrator and or school district will determine if Kids' Adventure Club will remain open. If the program remains open parents of children already signed into the program at each site will be contacted for pick up. Children coming into their regular program site after a school closing has been announced will not be accepted at that site.

After School Program

After school care is available from **school dismissal until 6pm** to all **enrolled** elementary students in the Corning Painted Post School District. When a program is not available at your home site, transportation will be provided.

If the C-PP School District dismisses school early due to inclement weather or other emergency situation, *Kids' Adventure Club will also be closed*. If the closure is isolated to one elementary school building, the remaining program sites will continue to operate. Parents/Guardians/guardians are responsible for providing the school with an "emergency go home" plan and this will be followed.

Kids' Adventure Club will assist the school district by making contact with Parents/Guardians and/or emergency contact person by email as soon as we are notified. Parents/Guardians should keep email addresses up to date with the main office.

Early Dismissal Program

Early Dismissal care is available *only* to those children enrolled in the Kids' Adventure Club *Before-School and/or After School programs*. Childcare during early dismissal programs will be offered at the child's respective program site; program will operate from the time school classes are dismissed *until* 6:00 pm. Early Dismissal slots are limited based on licensing requirements and are granted on a first come first served basis. Requires pre-registration.

School Year Full Day Program

Full Day program at a designated site for scheduled school closings is available to all **enrolled** elementary students in the Corning Painted Post School District from **7:00** am to **5:30** pm. Full day slots are limited based on licensing requirements and are granted on a first come, first served basis. **Requires pre-registration**.

At enrollment, pre-registration for early dismissal and full day program is available. After the deadline, parents/guardians can inquire about availability by contacting the main office.

Emergency Closure Full Day Program at a designated site for unscheduled school closings is available **when possible** to all **enrolled** elementary students in the Corning Painted Post School District from **8:30 am to 5:00 pm.** Slots are limited based on licensing requirements and are granted on a first come, first served basis.

Pathways, Inc. Administrators may determine a program closing is in the best interest and safety of both child and employees during severe weather. If a State-of-Emergency has been declared for Steuben County with restrictions to or no travel, Kids' Adventure Club will not open or will not remain open. In addition, School Age Childcare rules and regulations do not allow for continued program care when there is a loss of electricity, water or heat.

For an update on the status of Kids' Adventure Club programs when school is closed or delayed, log on to www.pathwaysforyou.org or visit our agency Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/PathwaysInc.

The program reserves the right to change program hours when school events prevent use of appropriate program space, during severe weather conditions or when a situation will prevent the program from maintaining compliance with policies and regulations.

Summer Program

Summer program is available weekly from **7:30 am to 5:30 pm** for 8-9 weeks during June, July, and August. Time may be subject to change from year to year.

<u>Supervision</u>

Kids' Adventure Club will ensure a staff-to-child ratio as required in the Office of Child and Family School-Age Childcare Regulations, which are listed below:

Age of Children	Staff per # of Child	Maximum # in Group
4-9 years old	1:10	20
10-13 years old	1:15	30

Kids' Adventure Club will maintain a minimum of one staff for every ten children regardless of age except in cases of emergency; groups will not exceed twenty children. Children will not be left without direct supervision, with the exception of allowing privacy in the bathroom.

Tracking System

Kids' Adventure Club will provide direct supervision to all children at all times. The tracking system uses an organized means of grouping children for supervision purposes. Each child has a tracking card with his/her name and photo printed on one side. Staff carries the tracking card while the child is in his/her care. Staff will use the card to take attendance during transitions, throughout activities and when change of staffing occurs.

Group Development

Groups will be developed with the following considerations; age, individual needs, interests and overall group dynamic. Although requests will be considered, they may or may not be honored. At any time, the staff with the approval of the Site Director may make temporary changes to the group.

There are times when permanent group changes may occur. This includes but is not limited to the addition of new program members and documented occurrences between children that are affecting the overall group dynamic.

Transportation Supervision

Children receiving transportation services by the school district are expected to follow the Corning-Painted Post School District Code of Conduct while in transport and will be subject to consequence set forth by the district and bussing company if not in compliance. Upon boarding the bus in the morning, supervision will transfer to the Corning-Painted Post School District. Upon departing the bus in the afternoon, supervision will transfer to Kids' Adventure Club staff.

Releasing Children from the Program

No child can be released from the Kids' Adventure Club program to any person other than a parent, guardian, or person currently designated in writing by such parent. Kids' Adventure Club encourages designated persons be at least 16 years of age or older. Designated parent, guardian or person *must be prepared to show picture identification*.

In an extreme emergency that prevents an authorized person to pick the child up, the child's parent or guardian may phone the site and give verbal authorization for a responsible individual to pick their child up on that day only.

Children will be released from program following the approved pick-up person signing them out on the hardcopy attendance sheet. The Site Director or assigned designee will use the 2 way radios to contact the group staff and indicate the approval for the child's release. The staff will acknowledge the child's need for release and announce to the Site Director or assigned designee when the child is released from the group and on their way to the cafeteria. The Site Director or assigned designee will indicate to the staff person when the child has arrived safely to the program. If the child does not arrive in an appropriate amount of time, a staff person will walk the designated route to locate the child. If a child is unable to successfully complete the route, the Site Director and parent/guardian will meet to discuss alternative options. A plan of action will be put in place, with school approval.

A parent/guardian may request that their child be responsible to sign in and/or out on his/her own by completing the **Consent to Sign-In or Consent to Sign-Out** form. This practice is discouraged but permission may be granted on an individual basis to children age 9 and over. The **Consent for Release during Program** must be reviewed by the Site Director or assigned designee and Program Director and will be approved by the Site Director and Program Director, when appropriate.

If permission is granted at the home site, it will not apply to the month of September, Full Day, Snow Day or summer programs. Misuse or failure to comply with Sign-In/Sign-Out procedure will result in the termination of consent.

Releasing Children during Program for an Alternate Activity

The parent /guardian may request that their child be released during program for an alternate activity at the site location or at an alternate location by completing the **Consent for Release during Program** form. This request is for children that will arrive at program, leave for an alternate activity (scouts, physical therapy, and summer school) and are expected return to program. Parents/Guardians will be required to provide the name of the person that will pick-up and drop-off their child and any additional transportation information when required.

The **Consent for Release during Program** must be reviewed and approved by the Site Director or assigned designee and Program Director. Request for changes in the **Consent for Release during Program** must be submitted in writing at least 3 days in advance and must be approved by the Program Director or assigned designee.

A parent/guardian may request that their child be responsible to sign in and/or out on his/her own. This practice is discouraged but permission may be granted on an individual basis to children age 9 and over. Kids' Adventure Club reserves the right to decline the request based on the safety and best practice. If permission is granted at the home site, it **will not** apply to Full Day, Snow Day or summer programs.

Sign-in/Sign-out Procedure

Attendance records will be maintained on a hard copy attendance sheet, requiring a parent guardian signature ar drop off and/or pick up. Parents/Guardians are expected to escort their child in to the Before School Program and complete sign-in procedure. After school, children will sign in with staff.

Parents/Guardians are required to drop off and pick up their child at the location of their group within the school.

Open Door Policy

Kids' Adventure Club has an open-door policy. Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit and observe at any time. All visitors must sign in at the program site and may be asked to show identification to ensure the safety of the child and staff.

When needed, staff will be available to meet with Parents/Guardians outside of program hours to discuss concerns and to exchange information related to their child so that supervision is not compromised. An open house is offered at each site in September. Families are invited to visit and meet staff during the open house.

Communication

Parents/Guardians will be notified of upcoming community projects, fundraisers, field trips, etc. via postings, the program newsletter, email, fliers and through staff daily communications. A texting option is available for notification in cases of emergencies and closings, in addition the Pathways, Inc. website can be checked for up to date information on delays, inclement weather programs and closings.

Parent Concerns

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to discuss their concerns directly with the Site Director. If an acceptable resolution cannot be reached or additional support is needed, please contact the Program Director at lpayne@pathwaysforyou.org or by calling (607) 937-3249. All concerns reported to the Program Director will be investigated.

Parents and/or representatives of the child will address staff persons, children or other persons present in the program in a courteous manner. This includes appropriate tone of voice, volume of voice and body language. They will refrain from using intimidation and/or physical violence. Violation of this policy may result in suspension or expulsion from the program.

Parents and/or representatives of the child will not directly approach or attempt to address a concern with a non-custodial child or their parent. Violation of this policy may result in suspension or expulsion from the program.

The New York State Department of Social Services Licensing Regulations for School-Age Childcare is conspicuously posted at each site. The Regulatory Contact listing of the name, title, address and phone numbers of the New York State Department of Social Services Field Representative, the Regional Bureau Director from the New York State Department of Social Services and Pathways, Inc. Kids' Adventure Club Administrators is posted at each site.

Surveys

Families will be asked to complete a survey at least once a year. Action plans are established to rectify areas identified for improvements and to recognize positive aspects of the program that meet the needs of families. Survey input also meets the programs funding requirements.

Absenteeism

Kids' Adventure Club has a responsibility to ensure a child's safety and will take an active role in determining the location of each child if they are scheduled to attend the After School Program.

Staff are required to follow up on any child scheduled to attend program (after school) but does not show up. Parents/Guardians are responsible to notify the program if their child will be absent. Unless a child is noted as early dismissal or absent on the school attendance, staff will immediately call parents/guardians, emergency contacts, etc. until child is located. After one hour without making contact with a parent or emergency contact and the child has not been located the Program Director will be notified and authorities may be contacted.

A habitual need to locate a child due to lack of notification this may jeopardize your enrollment with the program. The program must have contact numbers where the parent/guardians and emergency contacts can be reached in case of emergency. Contact information must be updated as soon as changes are made. Failure to do so may result in termination from program.

Dress Requirements

Children should come dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and activity level. Please be sure they wear comfortable clothing and footwear; sneakers are best for physical play. Lack of appropriate shoes or outerwear may limit activity options. Parents/Guardians will be advised in advance if any special activity is being planned which would require specific dress attire.

ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

Each program site has a maximum enrollment number based on licensing capacity and/or staffing. Enrollment numbers are determined per program site based on available space and ability to provide adequate staff-to-child ratios. Enrollment will not exceed licensing capacity at any site. Once capacity is reached, Parents/Guardians/guardians have the option to complete the enrollment process and be placed on a waiting list; notification will occur as openings become available. Families are not placed

on the waiting list until they have completed the enrollment process. Families with an unpaid balance with any Pathways, Inc. program will not be placed on the waiting list until the balance is paid in full.

Enrollment is open to all children without regard to race, gender, disability, religious beliefs, national origin or HIV status.

Age Requirements

Kids' Adventure Club is open to enrollment for all child enrolled in a regular kindergarten program up to the age of 12. A child observing his/her 13th birthday before a program session ends may complete that session. **Enrollment priority will be given to children enrolled in Elementary School.**

Children Requiring Accommodations

Children who are identified as needing additional care, attention, and/or support services will be accommodated unless these accommodations fundamentally alter the nature of the program or would impose an undue burden to the program. The program is unable to provide 1:1 care and children are expected to participate in program activities with a group of 10 children and bathroom independently. A child would not be accepted if the documentation provided clearly indicates that the child's condition poses a direct threat to the safety of others in the childcare setting. When a child with special needs is accepted into the program, an individual health care plan or support plan will be developed.

Enrollment Procedure

All information being requested is required by the New York State Office of Child and Family Services which licenses our programs and/or is vital information needed to provide your child with quality care.

All paperwork is accepted at the program office which is located in the Pathways, Inc. building; 33 Denison Parkway West, Corning, NY or by email at kacenrollment@pathwaysforyou.org.

Enrollment packets are available for pick up at 33 Denison Parkway W. and www.pathwaysforyou.org (Kids' Adventure Club link).

Enrollment Options

Continuation of Enrollment

Once enrolled, a child may remain enrolled in the school year program from year to year by submitting the required updated form by the deadline in April each year. If the paperwork is not completed, the enrollment will end on the last day of the current school year. All currently enrolled families whose account is and remains in good standing are eligible to participate.

Open Enrollment

Families who are not currently enrolled in the program are able to enroll for the upcoming summer program and/or school year program beginning May 1 each year.

Minimum Enrollment

- Kids' Adventure Club has a minimum enrollment requirement of three (3) designated days per session/per week. Sessions are defined as Before School Session and After School Session. Special requests may be considered.
- Due to limited slot availability, families that do not regularly attend will be required enroll for 5 days during the school year.
- The Summer Program requires a weekly enrollment of five (5) days per week for 1 to 9 weeks.

Enrollment Status

- **Hourly**: Child will regularly attend one hour or less. Morning program arrival is 7:15 am or later. Afternoon dismissal is 4:00 pm or earlier.
- **Session**: Child will attend more than one hour.
- The program reserves the right to change a status of hourly to session when families regularly utilize session program when enrolled hourly. Approval must be given to extend hourly enrollment for a single or multiple session.

Full Day "Only" Enrollment

- Enrollment in the full day only status allows you to utilize our program during the days when the school district is closed for holidays, spring/winter break, etc. *Full day only DOES NOT include early dismissal days when school is closed due to teacher conferences, etc.*
- Pre-registration for full days is available at enrollment. Pre-registration requires a minimum number of days and indicates financial responsibility.

Drop in care is not provided. Any child not properly enrolled in Kids' Adventure Club will not be permitted to attend.

Schedule Changes and Withdrawals

Schedule Changes

A change in your designated schedule can be requested and will be approved whenever possible. Changing a child's schedule may jeopardize the availability to change back to the original schedule.

Withdrawal from Program

Parent/Guardian will complete and sign required form giving a 2-week notice of withdrawal. Family must complete the Open Enrollment process should they decide to return. Withdrawal for the current school year will not be accepted after June 1.

Temporary Withdrawal

Parent/Guardian can request a temporary withdrawal at the time of an unexpected absence due to medical emergency of parent/guardian or child, if childcare is not needed for a period of two or more weeks not to exceed six weeks. Temporary Withdrawal requests for vacation or similar will not be considered. Approval will be limited especially when a waitlist exists for the designated site.

STAFFING OVERVIEW

All Kids' Adventure Club staff are hired in accordance with 414 NYS School Age Childcare Regulations. All staff must be fingerprinted for a Criminal History Review of any criminal convictions, receive clearance through the State Central Registry for any history of child abuse or maltreatment, and receive clearance through the State Justice Center Review of Abuse or Maltreatment.

Each program will always have a staff trained in Standard First Aid and CPR onsite during program hours. Designated staff will be trained for Emergency Medication Waiver. All staff are required by state regulations to receive additional childcare related trainings of 15 hours within the first six months of hire and 30 hours every two years.

Each program site will have a Site Director or Site Supervisor to supervise and direct daily activities. When the Site Director or Site Supervisor is not present, a trained designated person in charge will oversee the program. A minimum ratio of 1 staff to 10 children will be maintained.

Kids' Adventure Club employs staff with both varying amounts of experience and education. Each staff person is required to complete a 90-day orientation period where they will receive training and oversight. Please be patient as they learn their new role. Feedback to the Site Director is encouraged.

Staff members who work for Kids' Adventure Club have been screened and hired based on their suitability to work in an out of school setting with direct supervision from qualified directors. Kids' Adventure Club cannot and will not endorse an employee's private agreements with our consumers. Program liability coverage is only in effect during the employee's work hours for Pathways, Inc.

Diversity in the Workplace

Pathways, Inc. provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Program Staff

Kids' Adventure Club will employ qualified staff to provide active supervision of all child during program, and who will promote the physical, intellectual, social, cultural and emotional well-being of the child.

> Program Director

- Responsible for the overall development of the program including direction and supervision of the daily activities
 of the program at multiple sites. This includes program implementation, evaluation, management of fiscal and
 human resources.
- Reports directly to the Executive Vice President of Program Operations.

Assistant Director

- Responsible for the direct oversight of Site Directors, assures all training requirements are met and provides program support.
- Reports Directly to the Program Director.

> Program Coordinator

- Responsible to plan and coordinate all program activities. Responsible to train staff in activity and field trip
 implementation.
- Reports directly to the Program Director.

Site Director

- Responsible for site management and the supervision of the daily activities; including child's activities, record keeping, parent interaction and providing staff supervision.
- Reports directly to the Assistant Director.

Site Supervisor

- Responsible for site management and the supervision of the daily activities; including child's activities, record keeping, parent interaction and providing staff supervision.
- Reports directly to the Assistant Director.

> Group Teacher

- Works closely with child to implement daily schedules and activities.
- Reports directly to the Site Director

Assistant Teacher

- Works closely with child to implement daily schedules and activities.
- Reports directly to the Site Director.

Administrative Assistant

- Point of contact for families, oversees enrollment, responsible for CACFP compliance.
- Reports Directly to the Program Director.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Tuition

Tuition is based on enrollment not attendance. Enrollment for the school year is for all weeks upon start date except for school closures. Summer enrollment reflects pre-selected days/weeks.

Any child not properly enrolled in Kids' Adventure Club will not be permitted to attend. Withdrawal for the current school year will not be accepted after June 1.

If a child is dismissed from the program for a day or a period of time, the payee remains responsible for tuition as based on enrollment, not attendance.

Additional Fees

Continuation of Enrollment

A non-refundable processing fee that is payable with the submission of required paperwork. Pathways, Inc. employees and children in foster care/grandparent care are exempt from registration fees.

Open Enrollment

A one-time non-refundable registration fee is due at the program orientation. Pathways, Inc. employees and children in foster care/grandparent care are exempt from registration fees.

Fieldtrip Fees

On occasion a request may be made for a fieldtrip fee to help offset the cost when it is significant. No child will be denied participation based on the ability to pay fee.

Deposit

A 2-week tuition deposit may be required based on past delinquent payment history.

Rates and Sliding Fee Scale

Income Verification

In order to take advantage of the sliding fee scale, income verification must be provided annually in the form of current pay stubs (within previous 3 months) to verify one month of income or current year income tax return. If current income verification is not on file with the finance office, the account will be billed at the *highest rate* until proof of income is received. Accounts will be recalculated to the date the income verification is received. The Fee Scale is updated annually on January 1.

Families who are applying for childcare subsidy assistance are required to submit financial documentation annually or when changes are made to subsidy assistance.

Children in Non-Parental Care

Children who are living in non-parental care (foster care, grandparent etc.) will be considered a level one. The guardian must indicate at the time of enrollment that the child is in their custody. A custody agreement may be requested.

Hourly Rate for children attending 1 hour or less is billed at a flat rate. Sliding Fee Scale does not apply. Enrollment status must be HOURLY. If enrolled Hourly and child is in attendance for more than 1 hour, tuition will be billed at the **Session rate** based on financial information; if no current financials are on record, tuition will be billed at the highest level until they are received.

Morning Session Rate for children attending more than 1 hour billed at a flat rate. Sliding Fee Scale does not apply.

Afternoon Session Rate for children attending more than 1 hour. Rate will be based on the sliding fee scale when income verification requirements are met.

Full Day Rate for children attending full day, emergency closure days and early dismissal days will be billed at a flat rate.

Half Day Rate for children attending less than 5 hours or less during **summer program only**. Families can choose from half day options: 7:30 am–12:30 pm or 12:30–5:30 pm. Adjustment to time is allowable by 30 minutes. **Times are not interchangeable**.

Late Pickup Fees

Children are to be picked up by program closing time for designated program. Families not adhering to this policy will be charged a late pickup fee. More than 2 late pick up times will jeopardize your childcare slot.

Late pickup fees will be charged per the following schedule and must be paid within 14 days of charge:

1–10 minutes late
 11–20 minutes late
 21–30 minutes late
 30/child
 30 minutes or more

Should an emergency situation arise that will cause a late pick up, contact the program site and inform staff of the circumstances. In the event that a child is not picked up by the close of program and staff has not been notified, staff will first attempt to contact parents/guardians and emergency contacts provided on the registration information. If we are unsuccessful in reaching a contact, the Program Director will be notified to determine appropriate action **including notifying authorities for assistance**.

Tuition Statements

Tuition statements are generated through an electronic billing system called ProCare and are based on your enrollment and any additional fees that are acquired throughout the week. The statement will indicate the fees for child's enrollment Monday through Friday of the previous week. Statements are emailed on a weekly basis.

Payments

Payments are accepted at the program sites (check or money order only) or can be dropped off at or mailed to Pathways, Inc., Kids' Adventure Club, at 33 Denison Parkway West, Corning, NY 14830.

Electronic payments can be arranged through our finance office.

Kids' Adventure Club reserves the right to terminate use of the program due to nonpayment of tuition.

Childcare Subsidy

The program participates in the Steuben County Childcare Subsidy Program through Childcare Aware. Participating families certified to receive childcare subsidy must submit the letter of Certification received from the subsidy program.

Additional fees for late payment of tuition fees, late pick up, registration fees additional hours, days are used that are not authorized, are the responsibility of and will be billed directly to the parent/guardian.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is available through monies designated to Pathways, Inc. with funds received from the United Way of the Southern Tier and will awarded on a limited basis. Parents/Guardians can request scholarship applications from Kids' Adventure Club Office at (607) 937-3249 or the program's Childcare Billing Clerk at (607) 937-3267.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW

Health Care Plan

Kids' Adventure Club in compliance with the NYS Office of Child and Family Services' regulations has developed a specific Health Care Plan that addresses plan objectives; child health policies; staff health policies; staff training; infection control procedures; daily health checks; emergency procedures; first aid; program decision to serve mildly ill child and program exclusion criteria; child with special health care needs; program decision and policies on the administration of medication during program hours; program policies on inventory, record keeping, storage, and disposal of medication; list of staff trained to be medication certified and record of our program health consultant. The complete health care plan is kept at each site and available for parent review upon request.

Medication Authorization and Administration

If a child requires emergency medication during program hours, the parent must have a physician complete the Medication Consent form authorized by the Office of Child and Family Services. In addition the parents and Site Director must complete an Individual Health Care Plan Form OCFS-LDSS-7006. Children will not be permitted to remain in care without all proper documentation completed and a valid prescription present.

Medication must be in the original box. Prescriptions must be labeled by the pharmacy. A copy of the prescription information that is provided by the pharmacist along with the prescription which lists common side effects, interactions with other medications, etc. must be included. Medications and directions must match the Medication Consent form.

Emergency Medication trained staff will carry and administer emergency medications and sunscreen.

Daily Health Checks

Each day child will be evaluated by a visual scan to determine if they have any indication of illness, injury or other concerns. When illness is present, parents/guardians will be contacted. Children may not remain at the program when their temperature is over 100 degrees and other symptoms are present. Anyone sent home with a fever and symptoms may not return to program until 24 hours following the resolution of the fever.

In addition, if a child is unable to participate in the scheduled program activities, they will be required to be picked up. Children who are unable to participate in regular program activities will be encouraged to rest in an area away from others while they wait to be picked up. It is recommended that parents /guardians have pre-arranged backup care should their child be too ill to attend program.

Communicable Diseases

Children who have a communicable illness cannot attend program until the contagion period has ended or they have begun medication and are in compliance with both Kids' Adventure Club and the Corning-Painted Post School District policy and procedure. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to inform the Site Director or designated staff in charge if your child has a communicable illness. In some cases, the Program Director or Site Director will request a physician's statement upon return to the program

If a child exhibits symptoms of a communicable illness during program, staff will contact parent /guardian; if this is not successful, the emergency contact list will be used to find someone who can take the child home.

A notice will be posted alerting families that their child may have been exposed to that specific communicable disease. Your child will not be identified. (Examples include Covid, Chicken Pox, Impetigo, Mumps, Scabies, Pink Eye, Measles, Strep Throat, Whooping Cough, Infectious Hepatitis, etc.)

Sun Screen/Bug Spray/Other Ointment

Per NYS School Age Childcare Regulations, Part 414.11, parents/guardians are required to provide written instruction giving program staff permission to apply over-the counter topical ointments. The permission to apply ointment must be done by completing the OCFS Non-Medication Consent form OCFS-6010. This form must be completed each time a new ointment is provided to Kids' Adventure Club.

Each family is expected to provide sunscreen for their child, especially during the summer. The bottle should be labeled with the child's name. If parent /guardian choose not to provide sunscreen, program staff may limit the outdoor activities that the child is able to participate in, for the health and safety of the child.

Allergies

Kids' Adventure Club recognizes that children and adults are subject to known allergies. Peanuts, long considered a staple are one of the leading causes of food allergic reactions in children. Other common food allergies are milk, egg, and shellfish based foods.

It is crucial that any known allergies are communicated so we can best avoid an allergic reaction. Medical documentation outlining the allergy will be required along with an Individual Health Care Plan Form OCFS-LDSS-7006. In addition, an Individual Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan Form OCFS-6029 must be completed and submitted.

Ingredient lists for all foods served will be reviewed prior to purchasing and distributing food items.

Kids' Adventure Club is a peanut-free environment; we do not serve or allow foods that contain peanuts, peanut oil, or are processed where trace amounts of peanuts exist. Please do not send any food items that contain peanuts, peanut oil, or are processed where trace amounts of peanuts exist. Sharing lunches and/or snacks from home among children is not permitted.

If a food is served by the program that a child with a food allergy cannot consume, a substitution will be provided by Kids' Adventure Club and/or substituted by the parent.

Program sites will have a list of children's food allergies in their snack clipboard. The snack clipboard will be kept in a location that is accessible to all staff. All children indicated with an allergy will have a red card placed in their tracking card sleeve. The staff are responsible to review the list immediately prior to serving any non-approved snack food to any child indicated with a food allergy.

The allergy list will be updated immediately either when a newly enrolled child reports an allergy or a currently enrolled child develops an allergy. The allergy can be hand written by the Site Director but must be added to the database and reprinted by the next month's inspection. All staff must review the list at least monthly and upon the enrollment of a new child with an allergy or a report that a currently enrolled child develops an allergy.

Although the program follows a strict cleaning policy, the space we use is shared. We cannot guarantee that all spaces in the building are free from peanut related residue. Prior to enrollment, the parent and Program Director should determine the ability of the program to keep the child safe from a severe allergic reaction.

The program will call 911 should an anaphylaxis reaction occur with a noted or suspected allergic reaction.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Behavior Management Policy

The Behavior Management policy is governed as set forth in Part 414.9 of the New York State School-Age Childcare Regulations. It is our goal to provide a safe, caring, and inviting environment for children and staff. Consistent effort will be made to meet the needs of the children and their parents/ guardians. The staff will use praise and positive teaching techniques/strategies to encourage appropriate behavior. Staff will also work collaboratively with the parents/ guardians and school personnel to problem solve solutions to any developing concerns. All methods of discipline shall be administered in such a way to assist children in developing self-control and assuming responsibility for his/her actions through clear, consistent and developmentally age-appropriate rules and limits. The use of corporal punishment is prohibited.

Staff will be trained and expected to use following Behavior Management strategies:

- Creating an engaging environment with age appropriate activities.
- Seeking children's input on scheduled activities and daily schedule.
- Redirecting to alternate activities.
- Modeling desired behaviors.
- Planned ignoring of negative attention getting behaviors, when appropriate.
- Offering praise and recognition of good choices.
- Using non-verbal cues.
- Recognizing individual needs of children.
- Building meaningful relationships with children and families.

A child may be advised to take a break from an activity if their behavior is causing disruption to the point that other children are unable to complete the activity as scheduled. This time period should be brief but time enough for a child to regain their composure and discuss a recovery plan with staff. Child will be permitted to rejoin the activity when ready.

If a child is unable to regain their composure and discuss a recovery plan with staff and the behavior continues, the child may be directed to an alternate activity in another area of the program. Within a short timeframe and when the child is ready, staff will discuss behavior expectations and develop a recovery plan with the child.

In the event that a child's behavior is disruptive and the child is non-responsive to staff, the parent/guardian will be called to make arrangements to have the child removed from program for that day.

In the event that a child's behavior is chronically disruptive to daily programming, a conference will be held with the child's family and designated program staff. A behavior plan will be developed in which expresses the expectation of the program staff, parent/guardian and child in resolving the chronic behavior.

Behavior having a high frequency, duration, or intensity may result in suspension/dismissal from the program. These behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

- Intentionally hurting/endangering others or self (physically or emotionally).
- Running from staff or attempting to leave program space.
- Destroying property.
- Ongoing use of demeaning, rude or disrespectful language about or to staff or other children not limited to unwelcome comments concerning race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability.
- Exhibiting behavior that could be characterized as harassment or bullying.
- Threatening violence.
- Possessing illegal substances or weapons.
- Having multiple Behavior Incident Reports due to serious behavior concerns.

Parents/Guardians/guardians will be expected to work with staff to encourage appropriate behavior and the learning of new skills. Each family's child-rearing values and their right to make decisions for their child will be taken into consideration; however, Kids' Adventure Club staff are required to follow all NYS Office of Child and Family Services School-Age Childcare Regulations.

Suspension and Dismissal from Program

When a child is suspended from program, the parent/guardian may be required to meet with the Site Director and Program Director prior to their child returning to program, along with guidelines that dismissal may occur if improvement is not shown.

If a child's behavior, chronically interferes with staff's ability to offer the regularly scheduled program or puts another child in harm's way, the program may expel the child from program or if a child has one serious incident that puts themselves or other children at risk, the program without notice, may expel the child from program.

Responsibility to the School

Kids' Adventure Club is housed in the Corning-Painted Post Elementary school buildings, therefore; the Corning-Painted Post School District's Code of Conduct applies to all Kids' Adventure Club staff, parents, children, and other visitors while on school property. Refer to Corning-Painted Post Code of Conduct at www.corningareaschools.com

Kids' Adventure Club is obligated to report to the designated Corning Painted Post school principal when a serious violation of the Code of Conduct occurs. If this occurs, the parent/guardian and child may be required to meet with the Site Director, Program Director, and/or School Personnel regarding the offense. Childcare may be suspended until the outcome is determined.

Limiting Program Activities

If a child is experiencing a difficult time that may cause a dangerous situation to occur, the Site Director may make the decision to limit the child's activities until the situation is resolved. This may include staying in a designated area while the group continues with regularly scheduled activities or staying onsite while the group participates in a field trip. They will be given an appropriate activity to do while their group is occupied with the scheduled activity. If deemed necessary a parent/guardian may be called to pick up the child from the program.

Responsibilities of Involved Parties

Staff Responsibilities

- Staff will receive ongoing Behavior Management training.
- Staff will implement behavior management strategies.
- Staff will be open to suggestions from parents/guardians.
- Staff will document child concerns as required by program policies and procedures.
- Staff will communicate with their Site Directors when they need additional resources for managing behaviors.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Parents/Guardians are expected to be responsive when the program is contacting them during program hours. If they are
 not generally available at that time, it is expected that they have an alternate person that can discuss and address
 behavior concerns during program hours.
- Parents/Guardians will be expected in partnership with staff to encourage appropriate behavior and the learning of new skills.
- Parents/Guardians must be willing to meet and communicate with the Site Director and Program Director, if the need arises

Child Responsibilities

In order for everyone to enjoy a positive experience, children will be expected to:

- Be responsible and accountable for their actions while making safe choices.
- Respect the rights of others- by keeping hands and feet to self!
- Respect program/school property and property of others.
- Use acceptable language at all times.
- Listen and follow directions of staff.
- Remain with a staff person at all times.

Children will abide by the Code of Conduct set forth by Kids' Adventure Club and the Corning-Painted Post School District. Bullying, verbal or physical altercations, racism, or threats to child or staff, by children or adults will not be tolerated.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Kids' Adventure Club offers a broad range of activities that integrate deliberate and spontaneous learning experiences through a developed program curriculum. Each site will have a daily schedule to facilitate the program curriculum. The age appropriate curriculum is designed to:

- Provide experiences that influence a positive concept of self for each child.
- Be nonsexist in nature.
- Offer experiences for child that create opportunities to explore, expand, and investigate their ideas.
- Provide an appropriate environment and support for reading, study and homework.
- Offer opportunities, which include but are not limited to competitive and non-competitive sport activities, participation in art
 projects, play with various games and manipulatives, initiate dramatic and pretend play, choose a quiet place and socialize in
 an atmosphere that supports developmental needs.
- Meet requirements outlined in 414 NYS School Age Childcare Regulations, Before and After School Accreditation Standards and Kids' Adventure Club practices.

FIELD TRIP AND TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW

Field Trips

Field trips are offered throughout the school year and summer. All field trips are optional unless there are extenuating circumstances. Children not attending the field trip will participate in scheduled activities at the site. In order for your child to participate in an offsite field trip, a Field Trip Permission Slip indicating your written consent for your child must be completed.

For safety purposes, a Site Director will be designated in charge on site specific field trips. The staff: child ratio will be adjusted based on the fieldtrip requirements. Child Emergency Information forms, first aid kits and a cell phone are required equipment for every field trip. Children will wear a bracelet labeled with program contact information.

Staff will complete all required paperwork and tracking system to assure all children board and exit the bus, remain with group at all times and return safely to the site.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for dropping children off at the site 30 minutes prior to departure time. If child does not arrive 30 minutes prior to departure, he/she may be denied participation in the fieldtrip.

Swimming

Kids' Adventure Club offers swimming during the summer program. Swimming facilities used will be limited to those that are operated in accordance with all State and applicable laws and regulations set forth by the Office of Child and Family Services and where lifeguard supervision is mandatory.

A Site Director must be present during swimming field trips. Children will be supervised in the bathroom/locker room areas at all times. One staff person will be positioned at the exit outside the swim facility and one staff person will be positioned at the bathroom entrances. Children will not be permitted to enter the pool area unless a staff person is present; staff-to-child ratio in this area is to be maintained. Ratio is a minimum 1:7 on swim excursions. Diving area and wading pool will be open or closed dependent on number of child, their swimming skills, and the ability of staff to monitor.

Children's swimming ability will be evaluated by a certified lifeguard prior to using the swimming facility. Wristbands will be used to indicate child's swimming ability; Non-swimmer (red) and swimmer (green); children will wear bracelets to visually indicate their swimming ability. Floating devices used will be in accordance with swimming facilities' policies.

Children will exit the pool and staff will do a health check every 45 minutes. Staff will assess well-being (skin check, hydration, hunger, thirst, fatigue, etc.), take attendance, provide for needs and reapply sunscreen as determined by parents/guardians at the beginning of the summer program.

Child will dress prior to leaving and returning to the site, only personal items needed at the pool will be taken. Each group with designated staff will place personal items such as shoes, towels, backpacks, in an organized manner in one location. Upon return, children will change into clothing keeping in mind with limited space available for changing children may remain in their swim attire for a limited period of time at the site.

Transportation

For daily programming, children will be provided transportation by the school district and are expected to follow the Corning-Painted Post School District Code of Conduct while in transport and will be subject to consequence set forth by the district and bussing company if not in compliance. Kids' Adventure Club does not provide staff on the bus. Children are not signed into program during this transition.

- In the event that a child misses the bus the parent or emergency contact person will be notified by the school.
- If a child misses a bus due to staff failing to follow procedure the Program Director will be informed immediately and transportation arrangements will be made.

Field trip transportation is contracted through Birnie Transportation Services; 124 Victory Highway, Painted Post NY. Kids' Adventure Club is responsible for meeting all licensing requirements during field trip transportation, including supervision. No

personal vehicles will be used for field trip or other transportation. Written permission is required for any child to be transported for field trips.

SAFETY AND SECURITY OVERVIEW

Custody Orders

To honor specific custody orders and/or orders of protection, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide a copy of the designated custody order and/or order of protection. The document must be signed by the court with the legal seal present, date effective and ending date if applicable. If hand written changes are indicated on the document, the changes must be certified by the court. Kids' Adventure Club staff can only limit parental contact with legal documentation.

Confidentiality

The program shall maintain confidentiality and shall respect each family's right to privacy, refraining from disclosure of confidential information and intrusion into family life. Disclosure of child's records beyond family members, program personnel and consultants having an obligation of confidentiality shall require parental/guardian consent. However, in cases of abuse or neglect, it is permissible to reveal confidential information to agencies and individuals who may be able to act in the child's interest.

Personal Property

Children will be assigned a space to store their personal property while at Kids' Adventure Club. Personal property should be limited to the items required for the day (layers of clothing, outerwear, footwear, school supplies). Program staff will not be held responsible for any lost or damaged personal property. Personal items/property should be identified with the child's name if brought to program.

Property Damage

In the event that a child has willfully and intentionally damaged property belonging to the school or to Kids' Adventure Club the parent/guardian may be held responsible for replacement or repair costs.

Building Security

Kids' Adventure Club will follow the Corning-Painted Post School District safety procedures in keeping the building locked and secure during hours of operation.

All doors will be kept shut and locked so that no one can freely enter the building. Parents/Guardians must ring the bell to announce arrival and allow a reasonable amount of time for staff to open the door. If staff do not recognize or know the person at the door, he/she has the right to ask for identification and their purpose for entering the building. If the person is unknown to staff and/or does not have business with Kids' Adventure Club, staff will not allow access.

Kids' Adventure Club staff at each site will assure that practices set forth by the principal will be honored; this includes no child/parents/guardians in classrooms after school hours, unsupervised children and/or siblings in the building when out of program and other. Parents/Guardians are expected to retrieve their child from the designated program area and supervise their child while getting personal belongings and exiting the building.

Emergency Evacuation Plan

Kids' Adventure Club is responsible for the development, implementation and posting of site specific emergency evacuation plan. Parents/Guardians will receive each year a notification explaining the evacuation plan and location.

The plan will include:

- How child and staff will be made aware of an emergency;
- Primary and secondary evacuation routes;
- Methods of evacuation, including where child and staff will meet after evacuating the building, and how attendance will be taken;
- Roles of staff: and
- Notification of authorities and the child's Parents/Guardians.

A copy of plan will be posted at program site and placed in the Policy & Procedure manual. Each site will have ready at all times an emergency bag with emergency items for evacuation; map of route to site, flashlight, mini-first aid kit, snack supply, and premade notice to be placed on door.

The program is responsible to conduct at least two evacuation drills during the year.

Emergency Crisis Preparedness

Kids' Adventure Club has measures in place to keep child safe during crisis situations. The program adheres to similar practices as established by the C-PP School District. Emergency Crisis Preparedness is made up of Lockdown, Lockout, Hold in Place, and Sheltering in Place practices.

Lockdown is a security procedure used when child and staff remain in the building due to imminent danger inside or in close proximity of the school/site. Staff will move child to a pre-determined secured area under quiet and wait status until the risk is not more. Parents/Guardians are not permitted in or out of the building.

Lockout is used to alert of possible danger in the vicinity of the school/site. Staff and child remain indoors in a secure space with activity in place. Depending on the situation, only Parents/Guardians and/or emergency contact persons with photo identification will be allowed in the building.

Hold in Place will be used to hold child at a current location with regular activity. This is typically used during medical or other non-threatening situations to child.

Emergency Sheltering will be used for care beyond the regular hours of operation due to an event of natural disasters, weather related, environmental crisis, accidental emergencies or other. Staff will assure the wellbeing of child during this time by providing water, food and sleep if needed.

During emergency crisis situations Parents/Guardians/guardians will be notified as soon as possible. Communication may occur by telephone, email, Pathways, Inc. website, school messenger, and local radio and television. Depending on nature of crisis, communication may be limited or not possible.

Parent and child reunification is important and will be done as soon as possible and in an efficient means. Under most conditions Parents/Guardians and others are not permitted to enter the building until law enforcement, school or Kids' Adventure Club declares the building safe. When retrieving your child, you or a designated emergency contact must provide photo identification and sign the child out of the program on the hardcopy attendance sheet following direct contact with staff.

Emergency Sheltering Plan will be reviewed twice during the school year and once during the summer. This will include notification to Parents/Guardians, review with child and supply inventory.

Fire Precautions/Evacuation Drills

Kids' Adventure Club program will take suitable precautions to eliminate all conditions which may contribute to or create a fire hazard and/or eliminate all conditions in areas accessible to child which pose a safety or health hazard. The program is responsible to conduct monthly inspections of the program areas in compliance with State regulations to observe possible fire and safety hazards.

The program is responsible to conduct at least monthly evacuation drills during various hours of operation of the program. A record of these drills is kept on file at the site using the Record of Fire Drills for Child Day Care Form provided by the NYS Department of Social Services; DSS-4439 (1/94). The program will utilize the primary and secondary emergency evacuation routes posted in the area where children are located.

Child Abuse, Neglect and Maltreatment

All Kids' Adventure Club staff are mandatory reporters of child abuse, neglect, and maltreatment. Kids' Adventure Club has a legal and ethical obligation to report to the proper authorities any suspicions that meet the criteria and concern.

Reports to the NYS Mandated Reporters Hotline are to be made in the following instances:

- Mandated reporter who in the course of employment and capacity of Pathways, Inc. has reasonable cause to suspect child is abused or neglected or demonstrates any indicators as defined by the State of New York.
- Mandated Reporter has reasonable cause of abuse or maltreatment where the parent and/or person legally responsible
 comes forth and provides personal knowledge, facts, conditions, or circumstances which if factual would render the child
 abused, neglected or maltreated.
- Mandated Reporter observes and/or learns of possible actions of a staff member or volunteer that adheres to the criteria of child abuse, neglect or maltreatment in his/her capacity as an employee of Pathways, Inc.

If a Kids' Adventure Club staff person is subject of NYS Mandated Hotline, action will be taken immediately to assure the safety and protection of the children enrolled in the program

High Risk Activity

When an activity may have identified concerns or risk, staff will obtain parental permission. A written activity plan will be developed addressing the concern or risk; with specific details or steps identifying proper use of materials, instructions with child, increased direct supervision, small groups of child involved.

Outdoor Play

Children are provided the opportunity to go outdoors daily except during inclement weather or unless otherwise ordered by a physician. A child's parent may request and staff may permit child to remain indoors so long as required staff/child ratios are maintained. If the request is for an extended period of time, a physician order may be requested.

Outdoor play time is intended to provide children with the opportunity to be engaged in large motor or quiet play in the fresh air. Children will go outside provided they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and the playground areas are in safe play condition. It is expected that children are regularly prepared for outdoor play.

In evaluating temperature, staff will consider the prevailing weather advisories for wind chill or heat index in warmer weather, child's apparel and its appropriateness to be a barrier from the elements. Extreme cold is defined as an air temperature at 20° with a wind speed of 10 mph or more. Extreme heat is defined as air temperature 94° or above with relative humidity at 55% or greater.

Children's activities will be monitored so as to be aware not to become overheated or chilled due to sun, wind or temperature. While playing on playgrounds and equipment child are required to wear foot wear that is secured to feet.

Playground Safety

All equipment will be used properly based upon the following rules, but not limited to:

- Slides: sitting down, feet first, going downward only, child may not walk up the slide; one child on at a time.
- Monkey Bars/Climbing Equipment: are for climbing only, children must take care when climbing and allow space between
 each other to avoid kicking one another; no sitting, standing or hanging upside down from the monkey bars; no running on
 top of monkey bars; staff must be positioned to spot the children;
- <u>Swings:</u> one child per swing; two children per tire swing; chains are not to be twisted; child are to swing in a seated position; no pushing of empty swings; swings must be slowed down before exiting; no running under, in front of or behind moving swings; no swinging from side to side;
- Jump Ropes: are to be used as jump ropes, no whipping of jump ropes; no stretch jump ropes permitted
- Rings: are to be used for hanging only; one child per set of rings; no standing on rings, rings are to be hung from with hands, no hanging by feet.
- Playing tag, running in and out of the equipment is not permitted; these types of activities are designated for an open area.
- Balls should be played with on playing areas designed for this use and located away from windows and playground equipment.
- Any game where the sole and/or primary purpose of the game is to have contact with ball as part of the game is to be done
 only with "nerf" or similar soft equipment. Dodge ball type games where the sole purpose is to hit other players will not be
 allowed.
- Activities which involve equipment such as rollerblades, bicycles, skateboards, etc. require the use of protective equipment which at a minimum will require wearing helmets. Prior approval is required before bringing such equipment to the Site.
- Rough play is not allowed by staff or children.

Gym Safety

Children are required to wear appropriate shoe wear required by the school district or Kids' Adventure Club. Kids' Adventure Club will implement SPARKS curriculum or pre-approved planned activities. Free time in the gym is not permitted.

Habitual poor sportsmanship or aggressive behavior of a child will be reviewed with child and parent by the Site Director. If necessary, an Individual Behavior Plan will be developed.

Accident/Injuries

If a child is injured during the program, staff will provide appropriate first aid. An Accident Report Form summarizing the incident and follow-up will be completed. This report will be shared with the parent/guardian and he/she will be asked to sign indicating that he/she has read the report and has been informed of the incident.

If an injury is serious or may warrant medical attention, the parent or contact person will be notified to pick the child up or give permission to transport to nearest health care facility. If a contact person is not available and medical attention is needed, the child will be transported by ambulance or staff will remain with the child until a parent or other contact person is present. If injury is life threatening, emergency care and transport will be provided immediately, then a parent will be notified.

As outlined by the regulations, the Office of Child and Family Services will be notified and an investigation will occur to determine status of supervision and safety.

Product Safety

Kids' Adventure Club will take measures to meet compliance with state regulations defining the minimum standards for the provision of childcare including ensuring that the physical plant, equipment, toys, other materials and food used within the program are free of safety hazards.

Relevant recalls will be disseminated to all Site Supervisors through email or staff meetings. When needed, Site Supervisors will check the listing against the equipment inventory at their respective sites. Items determined to be of risk or subject to recall will either be removed from the program until the replacement parts are obtained or the item will be discarded per agency regulations.

Any items that are received as donations will be checked and deemed safe for play and any concerns relating possible recall status will be compared with the recall lists and/or a call to the CPSC Hotline (1-800-638-2772) to ensure that they have not been recalled or determined to be unsafe. Parents/Guardians can access this web site via the internet, www.recalls.gov; or contact the NYS Consumer Protection Board's Consumer Assistance Unit at 1-800-697-1220.

Toxic Materials

Kids' Adventure Club will exercise extreme care and caution in selecting program materials to ensure that non-toxic materials are used. Any items that may pose a risk of toxicity to child and/or adults will be stored in a locked cabinet, away from food items and out of reach of child (i.e. bleach and fabric softener, etc.).

In activities where substances may be used with "warning use";

- Prior approval from the Program Director must be obtained by the Site Supervisor.
- Parent/guardian written permission for participation must be obtained.
- Increased staff supervision will be provided.
- Children will be instructed in proper use of materials and will use protective gear (i.e. gloves, safety glasses, paint shirts) whenever necessary.

Impaired Parent/Guardian

If it becomes apparent that the ability of a child's parent/guardian is impaired due to alcohol or drugs and as a result, the child's safety is in question, staff must alert the parent/guardian to their concern. The staff should offer the parent/guardian the following options:

- Request the parent telephone someone to pick them up.
- Staff notify emergency contact person to pick up.

If the parent/guardian is unwilling to consider the options suggested and there are continued concerns regarding safety, the Site Supervisor or designated staff will immediately notify the Program Director and authorities regarding the situation by calling 911

The Site Supervisor or designated staff will make a report to Child Protective Services as a Mandated Reporter. The Program Director will contact parent to arrange for an immediate meeting regarding the incident.

TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

Movies

Videos and movies may be utilized as a part of the curriculum and activity planning. The use of media, such as television, and DVD movies is limited to developmentally appropriate programming that has been previewed by adults prior to use. Media are used as special events, rather than as regular, daily routines. The choice of the movies shown will be restricted to G rated movies. No child is required to view the movie.

- Staff will discuss what is viewed with child to develop critical viewing skills.
- Movies which are rated PG may be shown only under the following circumstances
 - o the parent of the child is notified of the movie and its rating before the movie is shown;
 - o the parent authorizes in writing their child is allowed to watch the movie
- Under **no** circumstances will movies be shown with a rating higher than PG-13.

Computers

During Virtual Learning designated periods, children will be permitted to utilize educational sites approved by the C-PP School District and Kids' Adventure Club. If misuse by child occurs the privilege may be revoked. If the time occurs that a project involves going online, an outlined plan will be provided to parents and permission sought.

Children may not use personal cell phones or other electronic devices to access the internet while in program.

NUTRITION OVERVIEW

Kids' Adventure Club program participates in the NYS Department of Health, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and provides snacks that are in compliance with CACFP nutrition standards. A rotational snack menu is posted at each program site and is also provided to the Parents/Guardians at the time of enrolling their child in the program.

Safety

Kids' Adventure Club is a peanut free environment. Please help us keep all children with peanut allergies safe while in our program by sending snacks and lunches that are free of peanuts and peanut oil.

Children and staff will wash their hands prior to preparing, serving or eating snacks or meals. Safe drinking water is available to children at all times and offered at intervals that are responsive to the needs of the individual child.

Morning and Afternoon Program

Breakfast **is not** offered during the morning program as it is provided by the Corning-Painted Post School District. Children can participate in the District's program; Parents/Guardians are responsible for any district costs that apply. Children will be signed out of program to participate in the breakfast program. An afternoon snack is provided during the After School program.

Sufficient time, based on age and individual needs, will be allowed for meals so that children will not be hurried. Children are encouraged to gain independence in serving themselves and encouraged to use acceptable table manners appropriate to their developmental stage.

Full Days and Early Dismissal

Breakfast and an afternoon snack are provided during the full day programs.

Families are responsible to provide a ready-to-eat lunch for their child attending a full day or early dismissal program (no glass containers). If lunch requires refrigeration, the parent/guardian must indicate upon arrival to program. If a child does not have an adequate meal, the parent will be contacted to provide one. In the event a parent cannot be contacted the program will have available nutritious snacks and adequate supplemental food to ensure all children are receiving proper nutrition. Sufficient time, based on age and individual needs, will be allowed for meals so that children will not be hurried

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