

## ABOUT OUR CHILDMINDING SPACE

Our friendly staff look forward to sharing their wealth of experience with your child while providing excellent care.

We have a **maximum stay of 1.5 hours** and parents are required to remain in the facility while their child attends our child minding service.

Our child minding service is for **children six weeks to 10 years**.

**Babies are welcomed**—either sleeping or awake! A carpeted area for pre-mobile infants is provided.

**Free-play options** include a variety of toys, puzzles and books which stimulates play and provides enjoyment for all. Seasonal and themed activities are included for your child's enjoyment.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Help us provide the highest possible quality care for your child by ensuring that staff are continually updated on information regarding allergies, health care, or behavioural challenges. We will ask that you complete an emergency contact form upon your first visit. This information will be kept on file. An approved parent or guardian must sign the child in and out of the child minding service.

Please read the YMCA's Sick Child Policy attached and contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Call 250-765-7962 ext. 427 or email Child Minding Supervisor Jan Malazdrewicz at [jmalazdrewicz@ymcaokanagan.ca](mailto:jmalazdrewicz@ymcaokanagan.ca).

## WHAT TO BRING & WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

We encourage you to bring a nutritious snack and a drink each time your child visits the child minding space. Due to the risks associated with allergies we are a **nut free environment**. Please keep us informed of any changes that occur in your child's dietary needs.

To eliminate any confusion, please label lunch boxes and other personal items that arrive with your child. We have clip-on numbers available to help identify children's belongings. We also encourage you to leave your child's favourite toys at home.

During wet days, please provide your child with dry footwear in order to keep the space clean.

## HELPFUL TIPS

If your child has a difficult time being apart from you, we will do our best to comfort soothe your child. If your child is still distressed after 10 minutes, we will seek your assistance.