



Asthma Friendly Child Care Endorsement Guide

Y	N	?	#	Asthma Management
				A staff member who has attended an accepted training course on asthma management which includes general information, environmental control measures, medication, asthma triggers avoidance planning, and asthma emergency management is on-site whenever a child with asthma is present.
				We have and maintain current training on asthma care requirements (at a minimum of every two years)
				We have an individualized Asthma Action Plan for each child with asthma enrolled in our program. The program will review the Asthma Action Plan with all staff involved with the child's care and staff authorized to administer medication. REQUIRED
				We review each child's emergency Asthma Action Plan at least annually to ensure that we are ready and able to care for that child in the event of an emergency.
				The Blue Card / Emergency contact information will be obtained and reviewed at the time of admission & will be updated when a change occurs and at least every six months. We review our emergency contact information and 'permission to treat' at least every six months for each enrolled child with asthma. REQUIRED
				The program will review the Asthma Action Plan with all staff involved with the child's care and all staff authorized to administer medication. We have a procedure to notify all staff of all children who have asthma.
				We have an asthma travel pack for all outings which includes the child's quick relief medications, medication instructions and consent, emergency contact information and permission to treat, and means of communication for emergencies that is carried by an adult who is trained in asthma management and medication administration.
				Medication Administration
				We are legally able to administer medication to children with asthma in our program. REQUIRED
				Medication is stored in a manner that is inaccessible to children yet readily accessible to adults who are trained to administer medications. All medication will be kept in the original labeled container REQUIRED
				Medication is labeled with the child's first and last name and has corresponding health care provider instructions and parental consent in writing. REQUIRED
				We periodically review the medication and medication administration instructions to ensure that we are ready and able to follow the child's emergency medication plan. Medication expiration dates will be checked on a monthly basis. Parents will be informed regarding the need to replace the medication before it expires.



			Education and Awareness
			We create opportunities to educate the families we serve on asthma friendly practices.
			We will provide educational programming for all children about asthma.
			Asthma Friendly Facility
			Air Quality
			We avoid conditions that lead to excess moisture because moisture contributes to the growth of mold and mildew. We maintain adequate ventilation. We repair water leaks. We keep humidity in the desirable range of 30-50%.
			We do not allow cars or other vehicles to idle in our parking areas.
			We do not use scented or unscented candles or manufactured air fresheners.
			We do not permit smoking anywhere on the premises or in sight of children. REQUIRED
			If staff smokes in clothes that they will wear for work, we have a policy requiring the use of a smoking jacket to reduce lung irritants on their clothes.
			We keep garbage covered at all times to avoid attracting pests and to minimize odors.
			Household Chemicals
			We use chlorine bleach mixed to the lowest effective concentration appropriate to the surface. We use the appropriate amount and never when children are nearby.
			We do not use aerosol sprays of any kind.
			Pest Prevention
			We use non-toxic techniques both inside and outside the facility to control pests. If pesticide application is required to address a serious threat, parents are notified in advance and a licensed professional is used to apply the least toxic, most effective product at a time when children will not be exposed. REQUIRED