Child Development Center Facilities

To ensure that child development centers provide safe, clean, and well-maintained facilities, which are adequately furnished and equipped to meet the needs of students and their children, the following standards are established.

Child Development Centers (CDC) shall offer the following facilities:

1. Infant care area and crib space (if infants are enrolled).
2. Diaper changing area positioned to allow staff to maintain visual contact with the entire group at all times.
3. Activity rooms: space appropriate for each age group. Not less than 35 net square feet of usable floor space per child shall be provided in activity rooms used for care. Usable floor space does not include permanently fixed storage, hallways, kitchen, dining room, bathrooms, diaper changing areas, or administrative or support spaces.
4. Restrooms/toilet areas, with pediatric size fixtures, and handwashing facilities in infant areas and in diaper changing areas.
5. An isolation room for children who become ill (if a separate room is not available, a sick child may be kept in an office or other supervised space away from areas used by other children).
6. A kitchen (size and equipment should be determined by the size of the program and plans for meal preparation).
7. Laundry facilities.
8. Office space for administrative staff.
9. Space for storing:
   a. Food items
   b. Medications
   c. Consumable supplies
   d. Program materials
   e. Cribs/cots
   f. Toys/games
   g. Children’s and staff’s belongings
10. Fenced-in outdoor play areas adjacent to the CDC that meet state licensing requirements and include:
   a. Safe and suitable play surfaces
   b. Playground equipment appropriate for size, age, and developmental levels of children
   c. Outdoor storage areas for large toys

**Residential Parent/Child Program Facilities**

To ensure that residential parent/child programs provide safe, clean, and well-maintained facilities which support family development and are adequately furnished and equipped to meet the needs of students and their children, the following standards are established.

Residential parent/child programs shall provide facilities that include the following:

1. Adequate sleeping and restroom areas for each parent and his or her child(ren)
2. Indoor play areas for children where they can be observed by parents
3. Quiet lounge areas for parents and children
4. Laundry facilities
5. Kitchen facilities (at a minimum dormitories must have mini-kitchens, with refrigerator and microwave and sink, for use by parents in preparation of snacks and meals for children, storage of medicine, infants’ milks and food)
6. Storage areas for cribs, toys, juvenile beds, etc.

**Maintenance and Care of Facilities**

Operators of child development centers and residential parent/child programs shall ensure that:

1. Facilities are clean, orderly, and well maintained.
2. Equipment is properly installed and maintained.
3. Routine and preventive maintenance is provided to ensure that all facilities and equipment are operable.