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§746.1205. What responsibilities does a caregiver have when supervising a child or children?

Subchapter D, Personnel

Division 3, General Responsibilities for Child-Care Center Personnel

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(a) The caregiver is responsible for:

- (1) Knowing which children the caregiver is responsible for [High];
- (2) Knowing how many children the caregiver is responsible for [High];
- (3) Knowing each child's name and having information showing each child's age [Medium-High];
- (4) Providing the level of supervision necessary to ensure each child's safety and well-being, including physical proximity and auditory or visual awareness of each child's on going activity as appropriate [High]; and
- (5) Being able to intervene when necessary to ensure each child's safety [High].

(b) In deciding how closely to supervise a child, the caregiver must consider:

- (1) The child's chronological age;
- (2) The child's current stage of development;
- (3) The child's individual differences and abilities;
- (4) The indoor and outdoor layout of the operation;
- (5) The circumstances, hazards, and risks surrounding the child; and
- (6) The child's physical, mental, emotional, and social needs.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervision is basic to the prevention of harm. Parents have an understanding that caregivers will supervise their children in their absence. Adults who are attentive and who understand young children's behaviors are in the best position to safeguard their well-being.• Child-care centers can also establish an understanding with parents regarding who (when the parent and when the center) is responsible for the child while the parent and the child are both on the grounds. These understandings could be laid out in the enrollment agreement.• Regarding paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2), the caregiver must always know which children |
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he or she is responsible for as well as how many children are in his or her group. This requirement is critical, especially during transitions, to ensure all children are accounted for and appropriately supervised.