

Child Release & Safety Policy

(For Parents/Guardians – Evolve KidsCare Inc)

Purpose

Your child's safety is our top priority. To protect children and comply with Maryland law, we have clear rules about who may pick up children and what happens if a parent/guardian or authorized pickup arrives and appears unable to safely care for their child.

Authorized Pick-Up

- Children will only be released to individuals listed on the enrollment form as authorized pickups.
- Staff may ask for photo ID to confirm identity.

Impairment Policy

Because we serve families in recovery, we understand recovery is a process. At the same time, we cannot release a child to anyone who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol in a way that could endanger the child's safety.

If this occurs:

1. Your child will remain safely supervised.
2. Staff will respectfully ask to contact another authorized adult to pick up your child.
3. If you agree to allow another safe, sober adult to pick up your child, we will not contact Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement.
4. CPS or police will only be called if:
 - You insist on taking the child yourself while appearing impaired,
 - No safe alternate can be reached, and your child's safety would be at risk, or

- Staff have reason to believe your child is experiencing ongoing neglect or danger beyond this single incident.

Our goal is to keep your child safe and support your recovery journey, not to punish families.

Late Pick-Up

- If a child is not picked up by closing time, staff will attempt to contact all authorized pickups.
- After 30 minutes with no response, authorities may be contacted for the child's safety.

Parent/Guardian Agreement

By signing below, you acknowledge:

- You understand your child will not be released to anyone who appears impaired.
- You understand that if you allow another safe adult to pick up your child, CPS or police will not be called.
- You understand that CPS or law enforcement will only be contacted if no safe alternative is available or if your child's safety is in immediate danger.
- You agree to provide accurate and updated contact information for alternate authorized pickups at all times.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
