

Minnesota Appendix

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NAEYC Accreditation

We believe that quality is a goal to work toward every day. That is why we have made ongoing-self assessment an integral part of our programs.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has developed standards to define and recognize quality child care programs. To become accredited, a child care program must go through a rigorous process of self-study involving children, families, and staff. A variety of strict criteria related to providing a developmentally appropriate program must be met. These criteria include having well-qualified and trained staff, good staff-child ratio and group sizes, and a comprehensive curriculum, as well as meeting stringent health and safety standards. In addition, the program must provide meaningful opportunities for family involvement. At Bright Horizons, our centers strive to meet NAEYC accreditation standards or other state quality standards.

Numbers and Ages of Children

Bright Horizons Woodbury serves children ages six (6) weeks through twelve (12) years. The center can accommodate up to 75 children (8 infants, 10 toddlers, 12 preschoolers, and 45 school agers) Monday through Friday.

Physical Exams

For all children:

- **A medical record based on a physical examination must be completed by the child's physician and submitted to the director before the child's first visit to the Center.** If a child is already enrolled in a Minnesota licensed child care center, the medical forms provided to that center may be copied and used in the Center, as long as they are current.
- The medical report must be updated annually by the child's physician for children under 24 months and whenever a child 24 months or older advances to an older age group.
- The director should be informed of any changes in a child's medical record or health needs.

Screenings, Tests and Immunizations

The following immunizations are required by the Minnesota Department on Human Services Child Care Regulations upon a child's enrollment at the center and periodically thereafter according to the child's age:

- DTP
- Polio
- Measles, Mumps, & Rubella
- Hib
- ChickenPox
- PCV
- Hep B- required for Kindergarten

Injury Prevention

Footwear appropriate for active, outdoor play such as climbing, running, and jumping on various surfaces is strongly recommended such as sneaker and sandals with backs. Closed backed shoes are always preferred.

Note: Centers may apply their own specific policy regarding footwear during the summer months.

Pet Policy

Only the following are allowed to be kept as pets in Bright Horizons locations:

- Rabbits;
- Hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, rats and chinchillas;
- Fish; and
- Hermit crabs

The pets are well cared for by center staff and veterinarians.

All children/pet interactions are monitored by staff.

Bright Horizons Woodbury currently doesn't have any pets.

Child Care Program Plan Review

Parents are welcome to review the Center's Child Care Program Plan at any time. A copy is available at the center.

Licensing Information

Bright Horizons Woodbury is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The telephone number of the licensing division is (651) 431-6015.