

# COVENANT CHILD CARE

## 100% Tobacco-Free Policy

### Purpose/Belief Statement

We, Covenant Childcare and Learning Center, understand that the use of tobacco products on child care premises and in vehicles used to transport children or during any off-premise activities is an environmental hazard and detrimental to the health and safety of children, staff, and visitors.

Exposure of children to environmental tobacco smoke is associated with increased rates of lower respiratory illness and increased rates of middle ear effusion, asthma, and sudden infant death syndrome. Exposure during childhood may also be associated with development of cancer during adulthood.

This policy applies to all children, families, visitors, volunteers, and staff.

### Procedures/Practice:

Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited at all times:

- on the premises of the child care facility
- on vehicles used to transport children
- during any off-premise activities sponsored by our facility

Parents and visitors using tobacco products will be asked to refrain while on the child care premises or to leave the premises.

"Smoking" – The use or possession of a lighted or heated cigarette, e-cigarette, cigar, little cigar, pipe, hookah or any other lighted or heated tobacco product containing, made or derived from tobacco and intended for inhalation in any manner or in any form.

"Tobacco product" – Any product containing, made or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars; little cigars, hookah, snuff, snus, and chewing tobacco. A tobacco product excludes any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes, and is being marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

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### Parent or guardian acknowledgement form

I, the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child or children's name) acknowledge that I have read and received a copy of the facility's 100% Tobacco-Free Policy for Covenant Child Care.

Date policy given/explained to parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of child's enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of parent/guardian

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Date Adopted 11.1.2020