# Happy Hearts Playcare Parent Handbook

## 1. Welcome to Happy Hearts Playcare!

Welcome to Happy Hearts Playcare, Cedar Point's flexible, drop-in childcare option for children ages 1–12! We're proud to serve busy families, military families, and anyone needing safe, fun, and reliable short-term childcare. Our facility is indoor-only, featuring soft play structures, sensory-friendly spaces, and structured movement activities. Here, your child can explore, play, and relax in a safe, nurturing environment designed just for them.

At Happy Hearts Playcare, we believe in nurturing the Fruits of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — in all we do.

### 2. Our Contact Information

Address: 544 Cedar Point Blvd, Cedar Point, NC 28584 Phone: (252)764-0101 Website: happyheartsplaycare.com Parent Communication App: Childcare App by iCare (Chrome browser and app compatible)

### 3. Hours of Operation

- Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM 6:00 PM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM 4:30 PM
- "Date Night" Care: Saturdays 5:00 PM 9:00 PM (Pizza dinner included!)

#### 4. Enrollment & Reservation Process

- Create an account through our Parent App.
- Complete all required information, including authorized pick-up contacts.
- You can reserve spots online for the same day if space is available.

• Advance reservations are encouraged but not required. We will have **Limited spots** so if you have a pre-planned appointment or event this is a great tool for you.

• Walk-ins are welcome if we have space, but reservations take priority.

### **5. Payment Policies**

- Hourly Rates start at \$12/hour for one child, with discounts for multiple children.
- Package Hours are available at discounted rates and never expire.
- Weekly Rates are available for families attending up to 4 hours a day, 6 consecutive days a week.
- Date Night Packages have their own rates and registration.

• Payment is due at the time of service unless prepaid via package.

We accept Credit, Debit, ACH, and Cash. **We encourage ACH and Cash payment to keep processing fees ( and childcare costs) low**.

## 6. Security Procedures

• We use a secure magnetic lock system for controlled entry and exit.

• Only pre-approved adults listed in your child's profile may pick up; ID may be required for new pick-ups.

- The facility is monitored by secure indoor cameras to ensure safety.
- Children will only be released to authorized adults on file.

# 7. Health & Illness Policies

- Sick children (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, contagious conditions) must stay home.
- If a child becomes ill while in care, parents/guardians will be called for immediate pick-up.
- Medication will only be administered in emergencies and with prior authorization.

## 8. Meals & Snacks

• We provide a mid-morning snack and a late-afternoon snack.

• Parents can purchase lunch for their child through our partner, Jordan's Smokehouse, via the Parent App.

• We are a nut-aware facility but cannot guarantee a completely allergen-free environment.

### 9. Behavior Expectations

- We use positive guidance and redirection to encourage good choices.
- Physical aggression, unsafe behaviors, or repeated disruption may require early pick-up.
- Ongoing serious behavior issues could result in temporary suspension from care.

# **10. Special Programs**

• Date Night Care: Fun, flexible care Saturdays from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM (pizza dinner included).

• Summer Camp: Our Summer Camp program is coming Summer 2026! Stay tuned for exciting details about structured indoor play, sensory activities, and movement-based fun.

• Birthday Rentals: Available Sundays only, \$250 for 2 hours, for up to 10 children.

### 11. What to Bring

- A labeled water bottle
- Extra set of clothes (especially for toddlers)

• Any necessary comfort items (clearly labeled)

(Socks are not required for play.)

## **12. Weather Closures & Emergencies**

• In the event of severe weather or an emergency, updates will be sent through the Parent App.

• Emergency closings are not refundable, but we'll work with you to reschedule where possible.

### **13. Parent Responsibilities**

- Keep your child's information updated in the Parent App.
- Notify us immediately of any changes to pick-up permissions or health concerns.
- Review all Parent App alerts, messages, and notices regularly.

#### 14. Acknowledgment Form

Before attending, all parents/guardians must sign the Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form stating you have read, understood, and agree to follow these policies.

# Thank You for Choosing Happy Hearts Playcare!

We are excited to play, learn, and grow alongside your family. If you ever have questions, ideas, or feedback, we are just a message away!