



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-18-01 Definitions for registered and approved child day camps.

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(A) "Adult" means an individual who is at least eighteen years of age.

(B) "Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)" means a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife or certified nurse practitioner under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. This was previously called advanced practice nurse (APN).

(C) "Approved child day camp" means a child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code.

(1) Approved child day camps shall meet one of the following requirements:

(a) Be accredited by the American camp association (ACA).

(b) Be accredited by any nationally recognized organization that accredits child day camps by using standards that the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) has determined are substantially similar and comparable to those of the ACA.

(2) Approved child day camps shall meet the requirements in sections 5104.21 and 5104.22 of the Revised Code, and Chapter 5101:2-18 of the Administrative Code.

(D) "Authorized representative" means an individual employed by a child day camp that is owned by a person other than an individual and who is authorized by the owner to do all of the following:

(1) Communicate on the owner's behalf.

(2) Submit child day camp registrations and applications for approval on the owner's behalf.

(3) Enter into provider agreements for publicly funded child care on the owner's behalf.



(E) "Certified nurse practitioner (CNP)" means a registered nurse who holds a valid certificate of authority issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code that authorizes the practice of nursing as a CNP in accordance with section 4723.43 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the board of nursing.

(F) "Child care" per section 5104.01 of the Revised Code means all of the following:

(1) Administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children outside of school hours;

(2) By persons other than their parents, guardians, or custodians;

(3) For part of the twenty-four-hour day;

(4) In a place other than a child's own home, except that an in-home aide provides child care in the child's own home;

(5) By a provider required by Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code to be licensed or approved by the department of job and family services, certified by a county department of job and family services, or under contract with the department to provide publicly funded child care as described in section 5104.32 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Child day camp" means a program in which only school-age children attend or participate, that operates for no more than twelve hours per day and no more than fifteen weeks during the summer. For purposes of this chapter, the maximum twelve hours of operation time does not include transportation time from a child's home to a child day camp and from a child day camp to a child's home.

(H) "Child day camp administrator" means the person responsible for the daily operation of the child day camp. The administrator and the owner may be the same person. The administrator is also a child day camp staff member.



(I) "Child day camp owner" includes a person, as 'person' is defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, or a government entity.

(J) "Child day camp staff member" means an employee of an approved child day camp who is primarily responsible for the care and supervision of children. The administrator, authorized representative or owner may be a child day camp staff member when not involved in other duties.

(K) "Corrective action plan" describes the action taken by the program to correct a non-compliance finding by ODJFS. This plan does not confirm the program is in compliance with the rule, or negate the non-compliance finding. Corrective action plans are submitted in the Ohio child licensing and quality system (OCLQS) and are to be completed in their entirety to be approved.

(L) "Employee" means a person who either:

(1) Receives compensation for duties performed in an approved child day camp; or

(2) Is assigned specific working hours or duties in an approved child day camp.

(M) "Field trips" means infrequent or irregularly scheduled excursions from the camp.

(N) "Hazardous weather conditions" means winds of twenty miles per hour or greater, continuous or heavy rain, hail, extreme temperatures, lightening or tornado warnings or watches within a twenty mile radius of a child day camp activity site.

(O) "Medication" means any substance or preparation which is used to prevent or treat a wound, injury, infection, infirmity or disease. This includes medication that is over the counter, or prescribed or recommended by a physician or advance practice nurse certified to prescribe medication, and permitted by the parent for administration or application.

(P) "Modified diet" means any diet eliminating any one or more food groups.

(Q) "Natural bodies of water" mean any river, stream, creek or spring or any natural or man-made lake or pond.



(R) "On-site" means a primary use space where regular child day camp programming takes place.

(S) "Operate a child day camp" means to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day camp.

(T) "Parent" means the father or mother of a child, an adult who has legal custody of a child, an adult who is the guardian of the child, or an adult who stands in loco parentis with respect to a child, and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child. Parent has the same meaning as "caretaker parent" as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Physician" means a person issued a certificate to practice in accordance with Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the state medical board or a comparable body in another state.

(V) "Physician assistant (PA)" means a person who has obtained a valid certificate to practice in accordance with Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the state medical board or a comparable body in another state.

(W) "Primary use space" means any space, including buildings and/or tracts of land, that is used by the child day camp at least seventy per cent of the day for programming purposes involving the enrolled children. Primary use spaces do not include areas that are not owned, rented or operated by the camp such as field trip locations or routine trip locations.

(X) "Primitive campsite" means any outdoor space in a natural environment without access to electricity, water supply systems, central food service, sewage treatment facilities and/or housing.

(Y) "Public children services agency (PCSA)" means an entity specified in section 5153.02 of the Revised Code that has assumed the powers and duties of the children services function prescribed by Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code for a county.

(Z) "Registered child day camp" means a camp that has completed and submitted a registration and fee to ODJFS for the purpose of reporting the operation of a child day camp. Registered child day



camps are assigned a registration number and are included in the ODJFS searchable database of child care providers in the state of Ohio. Registered child day camps shall abide by rule 5101:2-18-02 of the Administrative Code, but are not considered "approved child day camps" and are not required to abide by the rules in Chapter 5101:2-18 of the Administrative Code that refer to camps approved to provide publicly funded child care.

(AA) "Routine trips" means repeated excursions off the child day camp premises which regularly occur on a previously scheduled basis with parental permission.

(BB) "School-age child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old or, in the case of a child who is receiving special needs child care, is less than eighteen years old.

(CC) "Special needs child care" means child care provided to a child who is less than eighteen years of age and either has one or more chronic health conditions or does not meet age appropriate expectations in one or more areas of development, including social, emotional, cognitive, communicative, perceptual, motor, physical, and behavioral development and that may include on a regular basis such services, adaptations, modifications, or adjustments needed to assist in the child's function or development.

(DD) "Specialized activities" means those camp program activities that meet one or more of the following:

- (1) Require a specialized skill set or knowledge.
- (2) Use equipment, animals or tools that require supervision by a person skilled in their use.
- (3) Involve the use of fire or the use of heat-producing equipment or substances.
- (4) Require injury-protection equipment, such as, but not limited to, helmets, goggles or padding.
- (5) Consist of specific sport related programs only, such as, but not limited to, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, etc.