

# Inclement Weather and Emergency Closure/Delay Policy

## For Markman Children's Programs

The Agency will make all attempts to open and may close under certain circumstances. It is our policy to provide child care unless;

- 1) The City of Attleboro declares a local emergency
- 2) The state of Massachusetts declares a statewide emergency
- 3) The agency experiences loss of utilities causing a safety concern for the care of children.

Closures are at the discrimination of the program administration, and will be announced when possible on agency phone recordings, by email to parents and staff, and on designated televised closure/cancellation sites, including WJAR Turn to 10.

Examples of conditions that may warrant closure/delay include:

1. Local Public School cancellation:

- If schools are closed and there is a City or State Emergency, we will not open.
- If schools are closed and there is no City or State Emergency, we will delay opening to give staff an extra time to get here. *(This does not apply to Family Child Care).*
  - We will cancel morning transportation services, and possibly mid-day and end of day.
  - We will announce the cancellation of transportation on WJAR (Turn to 10). For quicker, more direct information, go to [www.turnto10.com](http://www.turnto10.com) and click on "Weather", then click on "Closings and Delays".

2. Local Public School delayed opening:

If school opening is delayed, we will delay opening for one or two hours. Check closure announcements on the designated television channel. Email announcements will be sent to you when possible.

- We will cancel our transportation services for morning pick up at all homes for parents using our transportation services. However, we will transport children from our center to school. If you are able to transport your child to our center, we should be able to transport your child back home depending on road conditions. If we are unable to transport your child back home, we will communicate that to you that afternoon.

3. When conditions of weather or other emergency occur after opening :

If there is increasingly bad weather during the hours of operation, for the safety of parents, children and staff the agency will attempt to send all children and staff home earlier. No child will be brought home without first contacting the parent to insure the parent or designee is home. Parents may be asked to pick up early. We may determine that our own vans and buses need to be off the road by a certain time; we will contact parents to arrange safe transportation of children at an earlier time or request that parents pick up children.

- If your child uses our transportation services and an afternoon storm is predicted, please call our 505 North Main Street center at 226-0282 to check on these transportation changes. We will also notify you of any changes. Please keep your phone numbers and email address current.

### **Please understand...**

Our overriding concern is for the safety of all children, parents, and staff. Our Closure/Delay policy reflects this concern. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding. Thank you!