



PARKS AND RECREATION STANDARDS OF CARE

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BACKGROUND

- The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regulates licensed childcare, but municipal day camps are exempt from state childcare licensing.
- Instead, cities must adopt their own “Standards of Care Ordinance” annually to operate youth programs without being classified as a childcare facility.
- Purpose: To establish basic childcare regulations for recreation-based youth programs operated by the Burleson Parks and Recreation Department.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Oversight of all youth service programs will be the responsibility of the Burleson Parks and Recreation Department.
- Department leadership will supervise overall program components, while designated program and on-site staff will provide direct, day-to-day administration.



PROGRAMS COVERED



These standards and regulations apply to all ongoing youth programs offered through the department.

Program categories may include, but are not limited to:

- Day camps
- Sports clinics
- Arts and cultural programs
- Agricultural and culinary experiences
- Music or performance-based activities

STANDARDS OF CARE

Burleson Parks and Recreation Standards of Care cover:

- General Information/Administration
- Staffing
- Facility Standards
- Service Standards - Staff
- Operational Issues
- General Guidelines for Children
- Activities
- Monitoring and Enforcement



DIRECTION / QUESTIONS

