



## Wellness Center's Unattended Children Policy

The University of Central Oklahoma welcomes children of students, staff, and members of the Wellness Center, as long as they are accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver and under appropriate supervision. Please be aware that our facilities are open to the public, a situation which can present risks to children. The safety and security of children are the responsibility of the parent or adult caregiver. UCO and Wellness Center staff cannot assume responsibility for the safety of children left unattended. UCO's Police Services will be notified immediately if children are left in the Wellness Center unaccompanied by an adult.

Please note the following:

- No one under age 18, who is not a UCO student, is allowed on the second floor due to risk of injury from exercise equipment.
- A child not yet in high school must be under the supervision of an adult who assumes responsibility for him or her.
- If a child wishes to leave the Wellness Center, Wellness Center staff cannot legally detain him or her.
- Parents or adult caregivers must monitor all activities and behavior of their children while they are in the Wellness Center. The staff person in charge will request that a child leave the premises if Wellness Center rules are not followed.
- Parents or adult caregivers are responsible for any act of vandalism (cutting, tearing, defacing, or destroying equipment, furniture, or facility).
- **Everyone is required to report child abuse and neglect to DHS (DHS hotline #: 1-800-522-3511) and local law enforcement; there are no exceptions. If the child is in imminent danger, call 9-1-1 and the DHS hotline.**

If a child is left in the Wellness Center at closing time or in the event of an emergency situation, staff will immediately notify UCO's Police Services.

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