## Tobacco-Free/Nicotine-Free Policy

**Childcare Center or Home Name**

**Policy**

This childcare center/home prohibits the use of any tobacco, vape, or nicotine products. Tobacco, vape, and nicotine products include, but are not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, chew, other tobacco or tobacco-like products, vapes, and all nicotine products approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for tobacco cessation. Check all that apply:

* ​​This policy includes the grounds of the center/home.
* ​​This policy applies to all enclosed areas of the center/home.
* ​​This requirement extends to all persons, including employees, and visitors.
* ​​This policy applies at all times.
* ​​This policy applies to vehicles operated by the center/home.
* ​​This policy applies to employee vehicles while at work and to any vehicle used to transport children.
* ​​Providers/teachers/staff are prohibited from wearing clothing that smells of smoke when working.

People failing to abide by this policy are required to extinguish their smoking material, dispose of the tobacco/nicotine product or leave the premises immediately. The policy complies with the Iowa Smokefree Air Act in Iowa Code. smokefreeair.iowa.gov

**Responsibility**

All employees share the responsibility for enforcing the policy.

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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To ensure the preschool/childcare center has a strong tobacco-free/nicotine-free policy, and to qualify for free window clings and outdoor signage, the policy must explicitly include all of the following:

* Policy must extend to all types of tobacco, nicotine, vape, and ESD products (i.e. not only cigarettes; include all tobacco, ESDs and nicotine products not approved by the FDA for cessation.)
* Policy must extend to employees, students & visitors
* Policy must apply at all times
* Policy must extend to company vehicles
* Policy must extend to entire preschool/child care property to receive metal signage

To qualify for IQ4K the following elements must be present in the written policy.

* At all times, tobacco, nicotine, electronic cigarettes, and vaping are prohibited inside of the program
* on the grounds
* to include employee’s vehicles while at work,
* and in any vehicles used to transport children.
* Providers/teachers/staff are prohibited from wearing clothing that smells of smoke when working.