

Piscataway Community Education

Policy on the Release of Children

Each child may be released only to the child's parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), to take the child from the center and to assume responsibility for the child in an emergency if the parent(s) cannot be reached.

If a particular noncustodial parent has been denied access, or granted limited access, to the child by a court order, the center shall secure documentation to this effect, maintain a copy on file, and comply with the terms of the court order.

If the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), fails to pick up a child at the time of the center's daily closing. The center shall ensure that:

1. The child is supervised at all times;
2. Staff members attempt to contact the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parents; and
3. An hour or more after closing time, and provided that other arrangements for releasing the child to his or her parent(s) or authorized person(s) have failed and the staff member(s) cannot continue to supervise the child at the center, the staff member shall call the Department's State Central Registry Hotline (1-877 NJABUSE/1-877-652-2873) to seek assistance in caring for the child until the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the child's parent(s) is able to pick up the child or contact the Piscataway Police Department. This decision will be made by the Director of Community Programs or the After Care Supervisor.

If the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), appear to be physically and/or emotionally impaired to the extent that, in the judgment of the director and/or staff member, the child would be placed at risk of harm if released to such an individual;

1. The child shall not be released to such an impaired individual;
2. Staff members attempt to contact the child's other parent or an alternative person(s) authorized by the parent(s); and
3. If the center is unable to make alternative arrangements, a staff member shall call the Department's State Central Registry Hotline (1-877 NJ ABUSE)/1-877-652-2873 to seek assistance in caring for the child or contact the Piscataway Police Department. This decision will be made by the Director of Community Programs or the After Care Supervisor.