



## **FAMILY HANDBOOK**

### **ADDENDUM FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS**

#### **Addendum to Child Protection, Page 16**

The Abuse/Neglect hotline number is 800-252-5400. As required by Texas law, our Texas staff receives at least one hour of training annually in recognizing and preventing child abuse and neglect. Parents may visit [www.helpandhope.org](http://www.helpandhope.org) to find resources and referral information. Please also see Addendum A: General Signs of Abuse. Centers offer literature and books on signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect and prevention techniques. The center has developed partnerships with community organizations that can provide additional resources and referrals to parents and staff. Staff in all states receive guidance in recognizing, preventing and reporting child abuse and neglect.

#### **Addendum to Family Participation, Page 22**

In Texas, parents wishing to volunteer at the school are required to submit a clear DFPS background check prior to volunteering.

#### **Addendum to Immunizations, Illness and Health, Page 24**

Chapter 36 of the Health and Safety code requires all children enrolled for the first time in any public, private, parochial or denominational school or in a Department of Family and Protective Services licensed child care center and child care home in Texas, or who meet certain grade criteria must be screened or have a professional examination for possible hearing and vision problems. The requirements for Vision and Hearing Screening apply each year for children enrolled in any licensed childcare center, child care home or school program. Children who are 4 years old by September 1 of the current year must be screened within 120 days of admission. Families may choose to have their child's hearing and vision screened by a physician or receive a recommendation from their family clinic. Sunshine House does not require staff to obtain or show proof of vaccination for vaccine preventable illnesses.

#### **Addendum to Safe Sleep Practices, Page 27**

Infant sleep sacks with a swaddling portion are not permitted in Texas. Sleep exceptions, even with a doctor's note, must be approved beforehand.

#### **Addendum to Nutrition and Meals, Page 28**

No juice, sweetened beverages, or chocolate milk is served, except on party days. Liquids and food hotter than 110 degrees are kept out of reach of children. All staff are educated on food allergies to ensure children are protected.

#### **Addendum to Nutrition and Meals, Page 29**

The Sunshine House supports mothers who breast feed their infant. A safe, comfortable, and private space will be provided for mothers who breast feed at the center.

#### **Addendum to Lock Down Policy, Page 31**

In accordance with Texas Penal Code, any area within 1,000 feet of a childcare center is a gang-free zone, where criminal offenses related to organized criminal activity are subject to harsher penalties.