

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT® FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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TREASURE VALLEY FAMILY YMCA, FULLY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

Largest Provider of Childcare in the State of Idaho Stands By High-Quality Standards of Care

[BOISE, IDAHO] — As the largest provider of childcare in the state, providing care for over 5,900 children, the Treasure Valley Family YMCA places significant importance on the quality of care provided.

There are few responsibilities that are more consequential than providing our youngest community members with a solid developmental start. A child's ability to learn, grow, and thrive in school, career, and life depends upon it. Your Y strongly believes in appropriately staffed participant ratios and the highest safety standards because we understand the enormity of responsibility we hold for the development of children in our care.

YMCA childcare incorporates early childhood development stages into curriculum-based learning to ensure critical development milestones are met. These milestones include pre-numeracy and pre-literacy skills that pave a path to success for our youngest community members for years to come. We recognize that education and development is a continuum. It doesn't start in 6th grade or 3rd grade, or even kindergarten. It starts at infancy. Early childhood development shapes the path for a successful journey to adulthood. This focused attention to development is only possible due to the appropriate staff-to-student ratios upheld within each program.

The Y's commitment to safety is unwavering. Above and beyond high standard safety protocols, the Y commits to the gold standard of child abuse prevention- the Praesidium Accreditation. These practices are made possible due to well-trained staff who are passionate about the care of children, strong relationships with each of the families we serve, and importantly, the Y's commitment to appropriate supervision. Active and engaged supervision ensures an environment where staff can be visually present and attentive to the needs of every child. These safety standards support each family we serve while also supporting each staff member's own mental health and wellbeing.

At the Y, we believe there are other ways to solve the shortage of affordable quality childcare that don't require compromising the safety and quality standards of care that every family desires and deserves.

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ABOUT THE TREASURE VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

Established in 1891, the <u>Treasure Valley Family YMCA</u> (the Y) is a cause-driven, nonprofit organization that works to strengthen the foundation of our community by developing

successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility. Annually, it operates over 100 programs that serve more than 110,000 youth and families throughout its 4 facilities, 440-acre summer camp, and more than 30 child development sites. The Y believes all people deserve the chance to achieve their highest potential: therefore, it does not turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. The Treasure Valley Family YMCA provides more than \$4 million in financial assistance every year to ensure access to resources, relationships, and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. Learn more at <u>ymcatvidaho.org</u>.