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Developmental Therapy Center

Winter Weather Center Closure Procedures

With the winter weather season, we understand that our decision to remain open or close the center in bad weather has a big impact on our families and staff. However, our top priority is the safety of our children, families, and team members.

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

We make the decision to remain open or close the center in bad weather based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, such as:

- **Information on road conditions from staff and news sources.** We must give careful consideration that our families and staff members are traveling from all different locations and distances. Even if your street looks clear, travel elsewhere may be dangerous.
- **Amount of snow and ice accumulated.**
- **Whether precipitation is continuing.**
- **Building conditions (such as whether we have electricity and heat).**
- **Parking lot conditions.**
- **Temperature and wind chill.** In extreme low temperatures or high wind chills the center may close.
- **Weather predictions.** We prefer not making our decision based on weather predictions, which are not always accurate, but sometimes this is unavoidable.
- **What local school districts are doing.** We closely monitor not only local school districts but also other districts that employees and children reside in.

HOW ARE FAMILIES AND THE TEAM NOTIFIED?

In cases of delayed openings, early dismissals, and closures an email goes out to our families as soon as a decision is made. It is also posted on our social media.

If an early dismissal is called while children are attending the day program, parents will be contacted by their team members directly.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

We make every effort to arrive at a decision by 7:30 am or earlier so we can notify everyone in a timely fashion. However, be advised that complex or changing weather conditions may interfere with the opportunity to make a decision at the ideal time.

We hope that this explanation helps everyone understand the process that Believe in Me uses to make the best possible decision for children, families, and team members.

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