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ACD Provider Code of Conduct

Keep this document in your Introductory Handbook with all other important food program documents.

As a professional caregiver, each Child Care Provider serves as a role model for the children in his/her care. This is a distinguished position in which each Child Care Provider must conduct him/herself in a professional, business-like manner.

When conducting business with Association for Child Development office staff, Field Monitors, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Consultants, and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Representatives, Child Care Providers are expected to do the following:

- Maintain a respectful attitude.
- Participate in a positive manner during all home reviews, workshops, and contacts with representatives of ACD, ISBE, and USDA.
- Provide a safe environment.
- Cooperate with staff of ACD, ISBE, and USDA.

Unacceptable behavior includes the following:

- Using profane, obscene, or discriminatory language with children or agency staff.
- Leaving a child unsupervised.
- Mental, physical, or verbal abuse of children or agency staff.
- Using or consuming tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol in the presence of children.
- Being intoxicated in the presence of children.
- Conduct that is unethical, unprofessional, or illegal in the operation of a child care home.

When a provider breaks this Code of Conduct, the Association for Child Development reserves the right to do the following:

- Start the corrective action process with the Child Care Provider to correct the infraction
- OR
- Terminate the Child Care Provider from sponsorship with the Association for Child Development

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