

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp 2024 Operational Policies

Our program offers a challenging, exciting and fun environment for our students. The martial arts framework offers a unique way to teach focus, discipline, confidence, respect for others, self-respect, commitment, concentration, peer pressure skills, ability to follow directions and proper etiquette. All of the above are necessary tools for our children to cope with an ever-changing world.

The students in our Summer Camp program learn the exact same material that students in all our programs learn. This is not “play karate” but a genuine martial arts program.

Detailed (hourly) schedules are available each week at the front desk. We try very hard not to make significant changes to the scheduled activities.

However, sometimes the facilities we visit request changes. When this happens, we will communicate to all parents as quickly as possible. The weather, excessive heat, can also change scheduled activities.

We have an outstanding staff at Aim and Focus Karate. Our staff is a combination of people who love working with children and those with martial arts skills (that also love working with children). All of our staff have current CPR/First Aid training as well as training specific to working with your child.

This Summer Camp Operational Policies Document contains important information about our policies, registration forms, pricing information and a calendar of events. However, should any additional questions arise please feel free to contact us at (512) 257-8552. We believe ongoing communication with parents is a key component to the success of this program and the growth of your child.

Location: 8516 Anderson Mill Rd. Suite 100, Austin, TX 78729



Highlights of our Summer Camp Program:

1. Daily martial art classes (not just a few a week)
2. Advancement in color belt rank
3. Great field trips to local fun stops **(NO extra charge for field trips)**
4. Highly structured environment
5. Snacks provided on a daily basis
6. Respect, Discipline and Self Esteem are VERY important

We are a licensed daycare provider by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. We follow all guidelines published by this agency and pride ourselves on our excellent relationship with daycare licensing.

We do NOT offer “swimming activities” as part of our camp experience. Master Johnson is simply not willing to take large numbers of children to local pools (regardless of staff supervision levels / skills / training) and entrust their care to the lifeguards. Swimming activities are simply better handled by individual parents / families where close supervision is possible. Also, in any large group, swimming “ability” will vary greatly (including “my child can’t swim at all”). The risk is simply too great. The statistics on “drowning deaths” every summer in Texas are simply staggering.

We WILL visit the “Williamson County Splash Pad” facility several times during the Summer Camp season. This is a wonderful facility and something the students have enjoyed during past camps.

As a member of our Summer Camp Program, students are welcome to attend evening classes at no additional charge. We do ask that you pick up your child and give them something to eat between Summer Camp and the evening classes. We cannot allow children to simply stay on the premise after the normal termination of Summer Camp to attend a later evening class. Please visit with Master Johnson if your child wishes to attend evening classes.

Registration for Summer Camp is per week. We do not allow partial week registration. Tuition is due on the Monday of each week you register a student. There is a cancellation fee if a student does not attend a scheduled week (see policy below).

Master Ben Johnson

I have been studying Tang Soo Do for over 30 years. I am a Master Instructor in the Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan Association and currently holds the rank of 5th degree black belt. Aim and Focus Karate was established February 1st, 2000.

I simply love teaching Tang Soo Do. I've held many jobs and positions in my working career, but the job I value above all else is "teacher". As a teacher I define my success by the accomplishments of my students. In March of 2008 we had our first student from the After-School Program test for Black Belt. Since then we've had numerous After-School / Summer Camp alumni test for Black Belt. This is a tremendous accomplishment for these young people.

Our school is not a "belt factory". Our students earn their rank. They can take pride in every belt they receive. We charge a fair price for our services. Students don't advance faster or receive extra training assistance because they pay a higher tuition. **My students earn privileges and responsibilities based on their effort and hard training, not on how much tuition they pay.**

We don't offer separate "leadership" or "Black Belt" programs but rather incorporate this in our daily curriculum. We teach our students to the very best of our ability.

We are a traditional martial arts school and take great pride in that distinction.

We are part of the Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan Association. While this may seem unfamiliar to new students, it is important to understand we are part of something much bigger than simply our school. The Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan is recognized across the Tang Soo Do community as an excellent organization focused on traditional martial art training.

~ Ben Johnson, Sa Bom (school owner)

Emergency contact phone number: (512) 426-0664 (Master Johnson's cell phone)





Master Holly Holt

Master Holt has been training at Aim and Focus Karate for over 14 years. She was the first “White Belt” student of Master Johnson’s to reach the rank of “Master Instructor” (4th Degree Black Belt). She has won National Championships in the Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan in every division in which a Black Belt woman can compete (Forms, Weapons Forms, Team Forms, Sparring, Team Sparring). Many of the trophies you see on display in our school were won by Master Holt.

Master Holt is also an accomplished pianist and composer. She is very active in the Austin music industry and often performs at local events. She has a degree in Jazz Performance from the University of North Texas.

What makes us different from other programs?

The Summer Camp Program at Aim and Focus Karate teaches discipline and respect but it also includes a lot of fun. The children learn by example from the instructors and get lots of hands-on experience with everything we teach. When you tour our facility you’ll hear “yes sir” from the students...but they will be saying it with pride and enthusiasm. They are learning that respect is a two way process and should always be extended to others.

On a daily basis we stress with our students the “ACE Program”. ACE stands for “Attitude, Concentration and Effort”. One of my students, a former major league baseball player, explained to me that no matter what happens on the field, he always controls “ACE”. We strive to teach the students to focus on ACE and not worry about factors in life they cannot control.



Master Ben Johnson and his staff are passionate about teaching young students. They truly enjoy it. Our program is not all about “kicking and punching” (though we do a lot of just that), it’s about teaching self confidence and self esteem. We’re not just a “karate school” nor are we simply a “daycare” facility. We are both and we blend our programs together with exceptional results. This is a physically challenging program where the children gain strength, balance and agility while having a great time.

Staff

All of our staff meet or exceed all requirements under the Texas Department of Family Protective Services as workers in a licensed daycare center. This includes pre-service

training, continuing education training and CPR & First Aid training. Many of our staff are Black Belts in our program but several do not study martial arts at all. We love the diversity of our staff and the many benefits they bring to our team as individuals.

Hours of Operation

First day 05/27/24 to last day 08/09/24 to prepare for the RRISD school start on 08/13/24.

- We operate from **7:30AM** until **6:00PM** Monday – Friday for the Summer Camp weeks

Holidays / Events

Aim and Focus Karate is **closed** for the following holidays/events:

- May 27th: Memorial Day
- July 4th : Independence Day

Email contacts

Often the easiest way to contact our school is by email. Please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns. Feel free to email regarding your student's attendance plans:

Office Manager: **office@aimandfocus.com** (Ms Charity / Office Manager)

Billing questions: **billing@aimandfocus.com**

Master Ben Johnson: **benjohnson@aimandfocus.com** (Owner)

Nondiscrimination Policy

Applications of enrollment are accepted regardless of race, religion, color, sex or national origin.

Forms and Paperwork

Aim and Focus Karate must have enrollment paperwork completed and on file before the student will be admitted. This will help us comply with all regulations and ensure the safety of your child. **Please keep all information updated.**

Registration Fee

A **\$50 registration fee** is due at the time of enrollment. It is vital you pay your registration fee to secure your child's placement in our program. We cannot hold positions without paperwork and registration fees. **Registration fees are non-refundable. This registration fee also applies to current students in any of the Aim and Focus Karate programs.** Martial arts uniforms (no charge) will be issued to new students the first day of attendance.

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 begins on March 1, 2024

Tuition and Fees

We are expecting the program to be full this summer. Please register as soon as possible. We would hate for current students to miss out on this opportunity.

There is a **\$35 cancellation fee per week** for any registered week that is NOT attended or canceled. This fee will not be waived. We ask for a two week notice if a week must be cancelled.

Aim and Focus Karate operates on a budget, just like every other business and home. We count on receiving payments on time to ensure we satisfy our obligations.

Tuition for students previously enrolled at Aim and Focus Karate is **\$200/Week**. Tuition for new students enrolling in our program for the first time is **\$220/Week**. If a sibling(s) is also enrolling, the tuition for the additional family member(s) is reduced **\$35/week**. For example, a current student attending would pay \$200 / week and a sibling attending would pay \$165 / week. If a third student in the same family (sibling) enrolls, all three students pay the discounted sibling rate. We can NOT extend the sibling discount to other family relationships (cousins, nephews, etc.).

We offer a discounted tuition rate for current students in appreciation for their dedication and support of our program.

Current Student: is a student that has attended one of our programs for the previous school year (started in either August or September). Enrolling a month or two prior to the beginning of camp does not qualify. The intent here is to acknowledge students and parents that have made a long term commitment to our program. Offering a tuition discount is solely at the discretion of the Director.

Tuition payments must be made on/before the **Monday of each week** the student attends. A \$20 late fee will be charged on the Wednesday of each week for any accounts that are not current. If the account is not current by the end of the current week, your place in the program will be in jeopardy. We simply cannot allow an account balance to carry over into another week.

Full week payments are expected regardless of actual attendance and/or holidays. The cost structure of our program is based on this assumption.

We have structured our rates to be competitive with local daycare providers and at the same time offer an extremely high quality program at very reasonable rates.

Please consider that you are receiving Summer Camp care as well as daily martial arts instruction.

Tuition payments will not be pro-rated over incomplete weeks. This includes holidays and school closures.

Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan Membership

All students that train at Aim and Focus Karate must belong to the Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan Association. There is an annual membership fee for each student (\$30: first student, \$20 family member, \$40 Black Belt member). Aim and Focus Karate pays the membership fee.

All students must belong to the Association and please remember the annual fee is paid by the school.

Calendar of Events

We schedule “in school events” on Monday’s. This helps parents plan for the week. Parents receive a “weekly calendar” each Monday so they can prepare for activities during the week (i.e. Wheels Day (bring something with “wheels”), Bowling (bring socks), etc.).

The following activities are simply a sample of the fun planned for this summer:

- Brushy Creek Park hiking
- Mt. Playmore
- Williamson County Splash Pad
- Dart’em Up (Nerf gun fun)
- Main Event (Bowling)
- Cedar Park Cinemark (Movie)
- Mt Playmore (indoor playscape)

At our facility (and local park), we will have the following activities:

- Archery Program
- Water Gun Wars
- Water Balloon Wars
- Dodge ball !!!! (super fun)
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Wheels Day
- Variety of high energy group games
- Weekly “Pizza Parties” or “Hot Dog Cookout

Archery Program

We are very excited to offer an extensive “Archery Program” as part of our Summer Camp this year. As with any skill, practice is required to improve. The students will have opportunities to learn the basics of shooting a bow safely but also have lots of opportunity to practice and improve.



Unlike other programs where students are given a few opportunities to “shoot the bow”, the students will have time in our program to develop skill in archery. **Archery is limited to students 7 yrs old and older. This is strictly enforced for safety purposes.**

Late pickup fee

It is necessary for children to be picked-up on time. Parents who pick up their children after 6:00 p.m. will be charged a late fee of \$10 for the first 15 minutes and \$10 per each additional 15 minutes.

Returned checks

There will be a \$25 charge for all returned checks in addition to any fees charged to Aim and Focus Karate Inc. by the bank.

Clothing and personal belongings

Each student will have a karate uniform (do bok). This do bok should be brought to the school on Monday and taken home on Friday. The uniforms should be washed when taken home and properly folded by the student (please do not wash the student’s belts --- they can be hand washed and air-dried if necessary). Care of their uniform is a responsibility each of our students should take very seriously. Students will have assigned lockers for the storage of their uniforms, equipment and other personal belongings.

Aim and Focus Karate is not liable for the loss of items brought to the school.

Each student has an assigned locker in the dressing rooms. The students are also issued a backpack storage area number that matches their assigned spot on the shoe racks.

Aim and Focus has a Lost & Found. This is the best place to look for lost items. If lost clothing items remain in the Lost & Found for over a month, they will be donated to the local Goodwill Industries.

Arrival and departure

Your student(s) MUST be walked into the facility each day. They can NOT be dropped off outside (this is a violation of the daycare guidelines for state licensed daycare facilities). Please do not ask your child to walk out alone to your vehicle at the end of the day. This is for your child’s safety and we are not flexible on this request. Should there be extenuating circumstances please call us on the phone and we will try to accommodate

you. Please let us know if you'll be picking your child up early so we can be sure to have them ready.

Aim and Focus Karate is not responsible for custody agreements but we certainly understand these situations can be very sensitive. We will not release your child to anyone that is not listed on our "authorized pick-up" list. We will also request a driver's license validation for anyone that we do not know. If a family member will be picking up your child, even on an intermittent basis, please encourage them to stop by so we can meet them. We will not allow your child to leave in the company of a minor (even brother, sister, etc.). This is all for the safety of your child.

We utilize the ProCare system to track attendance and pickups. Parents will also receive automatic notifications via ProCare when their student arrives in our facility and when they are signed out.

Illness

Your child's health is of great importance. If your child becomes ill while at the Summer Camp Program, you will be notified to pick-up your child. Please make sure we have updated information on how to get in touch with you at all times. We do not have the facilities to aid ill children, so please be as timely as possible when picking-up ill children. Your child will be kept as comfortable as possible until your arrival. If necessary, they will be separated from the other children.

Transportation

We will transport children in Summer Camp on field trips. We will take every precaution in transporting your child. Each child will be informed of the bus rules and will be expected to abide by them. Failure to comply with the rules may cause your child to be unable to attend the Summer Camp Program in the future. We will make every effort to work with your child as well as you to address any issues that come up. However, we always consider safety as our top priority.

We utilize only Federally and State approved vehicles for the transportation of the children (large school buses). We do NOT use 15 passenger vans.

Medication

Medication will not be administered by employees of Aim and Focus Karate. If your child requires medication during the time they are in our care, parents will have to make arrangements to dispense the medication. This includes non-prescription medications. The Director can approve exceptions to this policy on a very limited basis.

Medical Emergencies

The staff with Aim and Focus Karate have received First Aid and CPR training as required by Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. If a medical emergency occurs, aid will be given as appropriate for the level of our training. All efforts will be made to immediately contact parents or guardians. Emergency 911 will be contacted if the professional emergency services are required.

Parent Notifications

Parents will be notified of medical issues immediately by either phone or in person. Behavior concerns will be addressed with parents in person by staff member and in writing from the Director if necessary. Parent notifications are often posted on the front desk. Lastly, informative emails and newsletters will be distributed to all parents on a regular basis. We utilize the email distribution service Constant Contact. Parents might want to make sure our emails don't end up in your "junk/spam" folders.

Field Trips

We often take field trips as part of Summer Camp. Please check the weekly calendars available at the front desk to prepare for the schedule field trips.

Summer Camp T-Shirts will be on sale during the Summer months. However, the students will wear A&F mesh jerseys (over their clothes) on all field trips. We always seem to have several students missing their "camp T-shirt" for field trips. The jerseys eliminate this problem. The jerseys will be laundered after every use.

Some of the these field trips will require student preparation (sun screen, swim suit (NO swimming but we do have water activities), bikes / scooters / skates for "wheels day", etc.).

We are constantly refreshing our list of field trip providers. One major concern is student safety. We've dropped "Playland Skate" from our list this year because of safety concerns last year. We've re-added Main Event and Cinemark Movie Theatre. We have a very robust fun list of field trips this year.

Injuries

Aim and Focus Karate makes every effort to prevent accidents, but they are a normal part of growth and development. **Parents are responsible for medical bills that may arise from accidents.** We will notify you immediately in the event of illness or accident. For this reason it is important to keep your records updated at all times. Incident reports will be kept on file anytime an injury occurs.

Required Equipment

Each child will be issued a uniform during the first week of school. Their uniform must be kept in their locker during the week or brought every day. If replacement and/or additional uniforms are needed they can be purchased from the karate school. Uniforms should be taken home

on the last day of the week for washing. PLEASE stress with your student that having their uniform every day is very important.

Audio / Video Monitor

The training areas, lobby and open areas are constantly monitored by audio/video equipment. This is primarily for security reasons, but also helps us provide a safe environment for the students at Aim and Focus Karate.

Pictures taken during Summer Camp can be used for advertising purposes as well as appearing on our web site and social media. The students will not be identified by name.

Martial Arts Class Participation

We expect each student to participate in martial art classes on a daily basis. Please contact Master Johnson if there is a restriction for your student's participation. Please do NOT ask your student to convey this message. Our program is fun and exciting, but it does require a lot of physical activity.

Another major component of our training is the students must bring their uniform to Summer Camp on a very regular basis. Students will have to sit out class and read a book if they do not have their uniform. This can also impact the student's eligibility to test and promote in rank. **PLEASE** stress this responsibility with your student(s).

Discipline in the Martial Art Classes

Each child will participate in our martial arts program. As part of this program, the students will be expected to execute such activities as jumping jacks, pushups and sit ups as part of their conditioning and discipline. These activities will also be used as a consequence for not following directions or misbehaving during class. For example, if a child is jumping around in class and not paying attention they will be asked to follow directions. If the behavior continues, they will be asked to do 10 pushups (or jumping jacks, situps, etc.). The child will then rejoin the class and continue the program. We remind the children before each class to get a drink of water and / or use the restroom. If a child must use the restroom during class, they are expected to ask permission to rejoin class and will execute 10 pushups. We want the children to be responsible for what they need to do to prepare for class, but realize that emergencies can happen and want the child to have another option. The children are never forced to execute any physical activity. If the child refuses to participate, we will have them sit out and discuss the situation with their parents when they arrive. This type of consequence may also be used if a student does not follow guidelines concerning respect toward others or their own personal discipline. This is simply part of their training in our martial arts skills program.

Food and Snacks

All students must bring a sack lunch each day. We can NOT heat food or provide refrigeration. ALL food will be discarded after lunch. Please do NOT ask your child to keep food after lunch. Children will NOT be allowed to share lunch -- except siblings. Students are not allowed to share snack (even with siblings). Please provide a beverage for your child to drink during lunch. The students always have access to water in our facility and on field trips. If you wish, students are encouraged to bring water bottles with them to camp.

All students will be provided a snack in the morning and afternoon. We do offer organic and Gluten free snacks if a parent wishes their children to have this option. Please let the staff know if you want your child served organic or Gluten free snacks. The students are not allowed to bring snacks from home unless there documented dietary reason.

Aim and Focus Karate is not responsible for meeting the nutritional needs of your child. We offer snacks but this should not be considered a meal replacement.

We do have "Pizza Parties" and "Hot Dog Cookouts" on Fridays. We will try to accomodate dietary needs, but students are always free to simply bring a lunch and not eat the lunch provided. We will serve "turkey hot dogs" and provide "cheese only" pizzas. Other restrictions will have to be handled by bringing a personal lunch.

Dressing / Shoes

All students in the Summer Camp Program must be able to dress themselves without assistance and put on their own shoes. We realize that some of our Kindergarten children may find this challenging, but we simply cannot help students dress. We are a unique Summer Camp Program in that the students must change clothes twice during the day (in to and out of their uniforms). The students must have these skills in order to be admitted into the program.

Water Activities

The students will not participate in any swimming water activities during the Summer Camp Program. We do have water balloon days, water gun activities and visit a local sprinkler park to enjoy a break from the heat of summer.

Animals

Animals will not be allowed in the school. Please do not send your children to the Summer Camp Program with any pets or animals.

Pest Control Treatment

As part of our commitment to provide your child with a safe, pest-free learning environment, Orkin Pest Control may periodically apply pesticides to help manage insects, weeds or pathogens. Pesticide applications are part of our Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

program, which relies largely on non-chemical forms of pest control. Pesticide applications at Aim and Focus Karate are made only by trained and licensed technicians. Should you have any questions about the IPM at Aim and Focus Karate or wish to be notified in advance of pesticide application, you may contact the IPM coordinator (Master Ben Johnson, (512) 257-8552, benjohnson@aimandfocus.com).

Orkin Pest Control treats the exterior of Aim and Focus Karate every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Pesticides / chemicals are not applied within the facility. Our facility has been inspected by a representative of the Texas Department of Agriculture (the inspection report is in our DFPS Binder at the front desk).

Emergency Drills and Procedures

During the Summer Camp Program, we will conduct "Fire Drills" on a monthly basis. These drills are tracked for audit purposes and parents are welcome to see this report (located in the DFPS Binder found at the Front Desk).

We also conduct "Severe Weather Drills" on a regular basis (two drills each quarter). During these drills, all students are taken to areas of the building where they would be safe during severe weather. We also have a "weather radio" located in the AED cabinet. These drills are also tracked in the DFPS Binder.

On an annual basis we conduct Emergency Relocation Drills. If our facility were to become unsafe, we would relocate the children to the following locations:

Gateway Church, 7104 McNeil Dr, Austin, TX 78729

Parents would be IMMEDIATELY notified by telephone in the event of an Emergency Relocation. If possible, notifications would also be left at the Aim and Focus Karate location.

Policy Changes

Parents will be notified of minor changes to this document by a notice posted on the Bulletin Board by the Front Desk. If significant changes are made, parents will be notified in writing and requested to sign a notification log. Our staff carefully reviews this document each year and significant changes are rarely ever needed.

Questions or Concerns

Parents are encouraged to visit the school at any time during operation. If at any time you wish to speak with the Director (Sa Bom Nim Ben Johnson), please contact him by phone to make an appointment or simply speak with him in person as time permits. Sa Bom Nim Johnson is always available to discuss the needs of the students attending Aim and Focus Karate.

If a parent would like to review the “Minimum Standards Document” as published by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services or review past licensing inspection reports, please speak with the Director. All of this documentation is readily available to parents.

Document Update Log

All content changes to this document will be logged/tracked in this section.

-- Start of Change Log --

1. Origin version of this document published on 03/01/2024 as the Official Summer Camp Operational Policies Document for Aim and Focus Karate

-- End of Change Log --

Contact Information:

Texas Department of Health and Human Services

Child Neglect or Abuse Hotline: (800) 252-5400

Local Child Care Licensing Office: (512) 834-3195

Web Site: www.dfps.state.tx.us

Discipline and Guidance Policy for: Aim and Focus Karate

Discipline must be:

- (1) Individualized and consistent for each child;
- (2) Appropriate to the child's level of understanding; and
- (3) Directed toward teaching the child acceptable behavior and self-control.

A caregiver may only use positive methods of discipline and guidance that encourage self-esteem, self-control, and self-direction, which include at least the following:

- (1) Using praise and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only upon unacceptable behavior;
- (2) Reminding a child of behavior expectations daily by using clear, positive statements;
- (3) Redirecting behavior using positive statements; and
- (4) Using brief supervised separation or time out from the group, when appropriate for the child's age and development, which is limited to no more than one minute per year of the child's age.

There must be no harsh, cruel, or unusual treatment of any child. The following types of discipline and guidance are prohibited:

- (1) Corporal punishment or threats of corporal punishment;
- (2) Punishment associated with food, naps, or toilet training;
- (3) Pinching, shaking, or biting a child;
- (4) Hitting a child with a hand or instrument;
- (5) Putting anything in or on a child's mouth;
- (6) Humiliating, ridiculing, rejecting, or yelling at a child;
- (7) Subjecting a child to harsh, abusive, or profane language;
- (8) Placing a child in a locked or dark room, bathroom, or closet with the door closed; and
- (9) Requiring a child to remain silent or inactive for inappropriately long periods of time for the child's age.

Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Chapters 746 and 747, Subchapters L, Discipline and Guidance

Note: Acknowledged by signature on Enrollment Application

Gang Free Zone Information

(information required by Texas law)

What is a gang free zone ?

A gang free zone is a designated area around a specific location where certain gang related activity is prohibited and is subject to increased penalty under Texas law. Specific locations where certain gang related criminal activity is now prohibited include, but are not limited to, public schools, playgrounds, video arcade facilities and day care centers.

The area that falls within a gang free zone can vary depending on the type of location. For example, certain gang related criminal activity that occurs within 300 feet of a video arcade facility is a violation of the new law, whereas certain gang related criminal activity that occurs within 1000 feet of a school or day care center is a violation of the law.

How do parents know where the gang free zone ends?

The gang free zone is within 1000 feet of your childcare program. Maps may be produced for the purposes of prosecution and may be updated by the local municipal or county engineer. Parents may contact their local municipality to attempt to obtain a copy of the map if they choose to do so.

Why are gang free zones needed?

Similar to the motivation behind creating drug free zones, the goal of gang free zones is to deter certain types of criminal activity in areas where children gather by enforcing tougher penalties.

What does this mean for my daycare center?

Childcare providers are required to inform parents and guardians of children attending their center about the new gang free zone designation. This means that parents or guardians need to be informed that certain gang related criminal activity or engaging in organized criminal activity within 1000 feet of your program is a violation of this law and is therefore subject to increased penalty.

For additional information, please contact the Texas Department of Family Protective Services.