## WEAPONS BAN

**POLICY:** There are NO weapons of any sort allowed on the premises of the

childcare center.

**PURPOSE:** To assure the safety of children and staff.

To remove the threat of violence.

To provide the safest environment possible consistently.

To assure everyone is aware of their responsibility for the safety of

children and staff.

## PROCEDURE:

1. Call 9-1-1 immediately to report any weapon seen or found on the premises.

- 2. Assist the authorities during investigation if applicable.
- 3. Post signs declaring the policy where all who enter can see.
- 4. Toy weapons are to be confiscated and returned to the parent at the end of the day.
- 5. "Firearms and other weapons are not allowed on the premises of a childcare center. In family childcare homes, guns and ammunition must be locked in a gun safe or other storage unit, or guns must have a trigger lock on, or the firing pin may be removed from the gun and stored separately. Guns and ammunition must be stored apart from one another. There is zero tolerance for failing to keep guns stored and locked as required. Gun and ammunition violations result in a citation and a civil penalty (CDSS, 2016)."