

## MEETING CHILDCARE SERVICES

The Fitchburg Serenity Club Board has received requests for childcare services during 12 Step Meetings.

After contacting our insurance provider I have developed the following policy, which should address many questions.

### “FSC Policy re: Meeting Childcare Services”

*“Parents may join together to form a childcare service to allow each an opportunity, on a rotating basis, to attend meetings.*

*The parents using the babysitting service, or their designee, must act as the babysitter. No money can change hands, i.e. hiring another person to babysit. Paying for the service creates a “grey” area, where the clubhouse could be questioned about the need for a Daycare license and meet Daycare Standards.*

*Parents, not FSC, must provide toys, blankets, juice boxes, etc. It is important that only safe, age-appropriate items be made available.*

*During nice weather, the babysitting parent(s) may take children outdoors to read or walk on FSC grounds – it is not acceptable to leave FSC grounds. Potentially dangerous toys – Jarts, Pogo Sticks, Baby Pools, for example - are not allowed.*

*By providing space for voluntary parental childcare, Fitchburg Serenity Club does not assume any liability for injuries to the children, participating parents, or others, nor the property of any of them. Participating parents do so at their own risk.”*

The Board encourages individual members, or a member-led committee, to pursue providing childcare services at FSC.

We will be glad to assign space for childcare, upon receipt of a Room/Event Request Form, which can be found on the Fitchburg Serenity Club website; [www.fitchburgserenityclub.com](http://www.fitchburgserenityclub.com).

Please complete this form and contact a Board Member so your request can be added to our Board meeting agenda. At your convenience, we request your presence at a Board meeting to discuss your proposal and review our policy. Board meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom upstairs at FSC.

Please contact the Board if you have questions or require assistance. We may be reached at [board@fitchburgserenityclub.com](mailto:board@fitchburgserenityclub.com)

Respectfully,

Mary Forseth,  
President,  
Fitchburg Serenity Club Board