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The Y Expands Child Watch Services for Election Day

Free child watch services encourage parents and guardians the opportunity to vote.

RAPID CITY, SD OCTOBER 23, 2024 – The YMCA of Rapid City will expand child watch services on Election Day with the aim of making it easier for busy parents and guardians to vote on Tuesday, November 5th across the Black Hills.

According to Chris Russo, Director of Operations of the YMCA of Rapid City, the organization acknowledges the challenges many parents face balancing personal life with civic duty and wants to ensure everyone is able to exercise their right to vote.

“Voting may seem like an easy task for most people, but for some it’s a real struggle to get to the polls – especially parents and caregivers of small children,” Russo said. “Voting gives individuals a voice in shaping issues important to them and fosters a sense of community, which is very important to the Y.”

YMCA branches in Rapid City, Box Elder (Liberty Center) and Custer will offer short-term child watch services between the hours of 7am and 7pm Tuesday, November 5 for anyone who needs support to get to their polling site and vote. This free service will be available to everyone in these communities and registration must be done in advance at <https://bit.ly/3UhJOfg>

YMCA of Rapid City – 815 Kansas City Street

November 5, 2024 7am-7pm. Children ages 6 weeks to 12 years (2 hour max.)

Liberty Center YMCA – 401 Main Street, Box Elder

November 5, 2024 7am-7pm. Children ages 6 weeks to 5 years (2 hour max.)

YMCA of Custer – 644 Crook Street, Custer

November 5, 2024 7-11am & 3-7pm. Children ages 6 weeks to 5 years (1 hour max.)

Besides the Election Day child watch, the Y also offers full-day and before- and after-school child care, preschool, summer camps and family enrichment programs. The Y is a leading nonprofit charitable organization and offers financial assistance to ensure everyone in the community can take advantage of their programs and services.

Questions? Please contact the Y at 605-718-9622, via email to chrisr@rcymca.org or visit rcymca.org

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About the Rapid City Y

Driven by its founding mission, the Rapid City Y has served as a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community for more than 76 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y's goal is to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across 10,000 communities nationwide. Learn more at rcymca.org