

Transportation Plan

Children of the Future – 2420 Rhode Island Ave NE / 2421 Lawrence Street

1. Purpose

This plan establishes safe, efficient, and compliant transportation procedures for children, families, and staff. It aligns with OSSE licensing requirements, DDOT traffic safety standards, and community expectations, while minimizing congestion on Rhode Island Ave NE.

2. Site Access & Traffic Flow

- Program Entrance: 2420 Rhode Island Ave NE (front of building).
- Drop-off/Pick-up Zone:
- Location: 2421 Lawrence Street (rear/side access).
- Families will use Lawrence Street exclusively for daily arrivals and departures.
- Zone marked with signage, pavement striping, and cones during peak hours.
- Staff stationed at Lawrence Street entrance to escort children safely inside.
- Traffic Flow:
- One-way entry/exit pattern enforced on Lawrence Street.
- No idling policy to reduce emissions and noise.
- Emergency Access:
- Rhode Island Ave frontage reserved for emergency vehicles, inspections, and deliveries.

3. Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

- Morning Drop-Off (7:30–9:00 AM):
- Families queue along Lawrence Street.
- Staff escort children from vehicles into the facility via secure rear entrance.
- Afternoon Pick-Up (3:30–6:00 PM):
- Families remain in vehicles; staff bring children out.
- Staggered pick-up encouraged to reduce congestion.
- Safety Measures:

- Staff wear safety vests and use handheld stop signs.
- Children only released to authorized guardians.
- Daily sign-in/out logs maintained.

4. Public Transportation & Accessibility

- Metro Access: Rhode Island Ave-Brentwood Metro Station nearby.
- Bus Routes: Multiple WMATA bus lines along Rhode Island Ave NE.
- Pedestrian Safety:
 - Crosswalks monitored during peak hours.
 - Sidewalks kept clear of obstructions.
- ADA Accessibility:
 - Ramp access at Lawrence Street entrance.
 - Priority parking for families with disabilities.

5. Parking Plan

- Parking Staff: Reserved spaces in rear lot.
- Family Parking: Spaces near Lawrence Street for drop-off/pick-up.
- Overflow Parking: Partnership with nearby church/community lot for special events.

6. Field Trips & Off-Site Transportation

- Approved Vendors: Licensed school bus or van services only.
- Vehicle Safety:
 - Regular inspections.
 - Child safety seats used per age/size.
- Staffing:
 - Minimum 2 staff per vehicle.
 - Emergency contact list carried on all trips.
- Documentation:

- Parental consent forms required.
- Trip logs maintained.

7. Safety & Compliance

- Training: Staff trained in traffic safety and emergency evacuation.
- Emergency Protocols:
- Evacuation routes posted.
- Transportation plan integrated with fire evacuation plan.
- Review: Plan updated annually or after major site changes.

8. Community Impact

- Noise Reduction: No idling, staggered schedules.
- Neighborhood Coordination: Advance notice to ANC and neighbors for events.
- Equity Commitment: Transportation plan designed to serve families across Ward 5 and surrounding communities.