



## Child and Child Caregiver Policy 2024

It is Momentum Ministry Partners' goal that Momentum Youth Conference be a week that focuses on students' relationships with God, their fellow students, and their church's youth workers. We desire that youth workers give their full attention to their students and the ways God may be moving in their lives during the week. Therefore, Momentum is not designed or marketed to be a family conference. While provisions are not made for whole families to attend, if it becomes necessary for parents to bring their children (infant through 5th grade) with them to Momentum, the policy below is in effect.

### Policy Eligibility:

To be eligible to register a child for Momentum the parent(s) must be registered as:

- **Staff** - these are Momentum Staff positions by Momentum Ministry Partners' invitation only.
- **Youth Worker or Child Caregiver**

Because those adults registering as "Youth Worker" are required to be housed in the dorms with the students and serve as chaperones, their infant – 5th grade children are not eligible to be housed in the dorm with them. If a local church's youth worker needs to bring any child(ren), the youth worker has these two options:

- 1) **The youth worker can bring a Child Caregiver.** The Child Caregiver and child(ren) will be housed in the Staff dorm, allowing the parent to still be registered as a "Momentum Youth Worker" (and stay in the dorm with students and attend Momentum Sessions and Training Tracks while their children are in the supervision of the Child Caregiver).
- 2) **A parent themselves can serve as the Child Caregiver** – and the child(ren) will be housed with the parent in Momentum's Staff dorm as long as the church maintains it's 1:12 ratio of youth workers to students in student housing (and the parent would need to view the Main Sessions from the Live Feed Room, and forgo the opportunity to attend any of the training tracks).

### Registration:

Anyone considering bringing their children to Momentum must register them as a Child on the Momentum registration site under the applicable Family Account. If the child is not registered, they will be unable to be lodged in any university housing.

- **Infants - 4-year-olds:** a \$45 (\$60 after June 15, 2024) registration fee will be charged for each child, to be paid upon registration. Children registered for the week who are 4 and under eat free in the IWU cafeteria by IWU policy.
- **5-year-olds through 5th grade students:** a \$195 (\$210 after June 15, 2024) registration fee is charged for each child, to be paid upon registration. This fee includes lunch and dinner; a child's breakfast plan can be purchased separately for \$25.
- **Beds for infants - 5th grade children:** The fees listed above do not include individual beds for children. Children need to be housed in the same room as the Child Caregiver and/or parent serving as the Child Caregiver. Almost all dormitory rooms have two beds (often as a bunk bed). If more than one child is housed with the Child Caregiver (or parent), preparations should be made to have the additional children sleep on the floor, by providing your own air mattress or other bedding. Additional rooms are not an option.

## **HOUSING, REGISTRATION, AND MEALS FOR CHILD CAREGIVER**

**Childcare Giver:** A Child Caregiver is defined as somebody who is there to primarily give care to children.

Main Session Seating: Parents or Child Caregivers with children younger than 6th grade will need to be seated in the designated balcony area for families with children. No children are permitted to be seated on the main floor. A Live-Feed Room is available directly outside this balcony seating area. Parents/Child Caregivers are expected to take restless children here to continue viewing the session.

Children and by proxy Child Caregivers are also not allowed in Power Track Seminars/Youth Worker Labs or on the off-campus ministry options.

The Child Caregiver registration fee is \$285 if registered January 1 - June 15. (After June 15 the registration fee is \$350) Registration includes all lunches and dinners in the dining hall. The Breakfast Plan (\$30) for the week can be purchased separately.

**Childcare:** Childcare is not offered at Momentum. Children need to be accompanied by their Child Caregiver or parent at all times. Children should not be in the care of students in the absence of either the parent or Child Caregiver.

**Liability:** If the Child Caregiver is someone other than the parents, the parents assume all liability for the Child while in the care of the Caregiver.

### **HOUSING**

The Child Caregiver, along with the child(ren) under their care are housed in the Staff Dorm. Almost all dormitory rooms have two beds (often a bunkbed). Children need to be housed in the same room as the Child Caregiver and/or parent serving as the Child Caregiver. If more than one child is housed with the Child Caregiver (or parent), preparations should be made to have the additional children sleep on the floor, by providing your own air mattress or other bedding. Additional rooms are not an option.

### **MEALS**

The Child Caregiver registration includes lunch and dinner meals on campus of Tuesday dinner through Saturday Dinner. A Breakfast plan (\$30 for all breakfasts, Wednesday- Sunday) may be purchased on-line during registration. Or individual breakfast tickets may be purchased as needed at the Momentum Office.