

Quarterly Update

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CHILD CARE LICENSING UPDATE

Child Care Licensing Program Mission:

The Child Care Licensing Program licenses and monitors Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers in an effort to ensure that they provide a safe and healthy environment for children who are in day care.

A Note from Pamela Dickfoss, Deputy Director

Welcome to the Spring 2016 Child Care Quarterly Newsletter. The mission of the Child Care Licensing Program is to ensure the health and safety of children in care. As a licensed child care provider, you are aware that it is not only important that you maintain compliance with Community Care Licensing laws and regulations, but that you are in compliance with other laws and regulations as well. In this edition of the quarterly newsletter, I would like to highlight the Americans With Disabilities Act.

As places of public accommodation, licensed child care facilities have obligations under federal and state disability laws including Title III of the Americans with Disability Act 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12181, et seq. ("ADA") and the California Unruh Civil Rights Act and California Disabled Persons Act. (Cal. Civ. Code §§ 51 et seq. and 54 et seq.). It is the responsibility of each child care licensee to determine its legal obligations under the ADA and California disability laws. Disability laws require a child care facility to undertake an individualized assessment of a situation if the child care facility receives a request to provide incidental medical services as an accommodation to a child with a disability.

Consistent with its policies, the Department permits the provision of incidental medical

services in licensed child care facilities and it is the responsibility of each child care licensee to determine its legal obligations under the ADA and the California Unruh Civil Rights Act. You may want to consult with an attorney for advice on ADA and CA Unruh Civil Rights Act requirements.

The United States Department of Justice operates a toll-free ADA Information Line to provide information and materials to the public about the requirements of the ADA. The ADA Specialists, who assist callers in understanding how the ADA applies to their situation, are available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) and on Thursday from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time). Calls are confidential. To get answers to technical questions, obtain general ADA information, or order free ADA materials, child care facilities, parents, and other members of the public may call (800) 514-0301 (voice)/ (800)514-0383 (TTY).

DOJ publications also include a Commonly Asked Questions about Child Care Centers and the ADA, available at <http://www.ada.gov/childqanda.htm>.

The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) continues to strengthen and enhance our programs including our commitment to offer education and valuable resources to providers.

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Management Information

Maria Hendrix- The Child Care Program is pleased to announce the promotion of Maria Hendrix as the Assistant Program Administrator for the Child Care Program. She will be overseeing all six of the southern Child Care Regional Offices. Maria began her career with CCLD in 1990. She worked as a Licensing Program Analyst, a Licensing Program Manager I, and for the last 12 years, as a Regional Manager of the Los Angeles East Child Care Office. This particular office is one of the largest offices in the state, giving Maria the opportunity to work on numerous politically sensitive and complex cases while serving as Regional Manager. Her experience, as well as her ability to lead in a calm, clear way has served our Division well, and she will bring this wealth of knowledge to the position of Assistant Program Administrator.

Dawn Parker- The Child Care Program is pleased to announce the promotion of Dawn Parker to a Licensing Program Manager I in the Inland Empire Child Care Regional Office. Dawn has an extensive knowledge and broad range of experience in the Child Care Program. During her years as a Licensing Program Analyst, she has formed productive relationships with providers and has been a resource to the Child Care Community. Dawn's strong program knowledge combined with her technical training expertise and dedication to excellence will surely be a tremendous asset.



Child Care Advocate Update

The Child Care Advocate Program is happy to announce that there are now four Child Care Advocates for the state. The territories are as follows:

- **Roberta Williams - Central State:**
Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Tulare, Yolo
- **Natalie Dunaway - Northern State:**
Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Plumas, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sierra, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yuba
- **Sharon Greene – Greater LA:**
Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura
- **Aaron Ross Southern State:**
Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego

Please feel free to reach out to any of the advocates at childcareadvocatesprogram@dss.ca.gov .

First 5 of California



The first place to go for
everything children 0-5.

First 5 California was created by voters under Proposition 10 to recognize that children's health and education is a top priority, especially in the early years of development.

Research shows 90 percent of a child's brain develops in the first five years of life. Making those years count is what First 5 California is all about. Our focus is to educate parents and caregivers about the important role they play in their children's first years.



You say words, your child hears magic.
New research tells us that babies form the brain connections that determine how they learn, think and grow from the moment they are born. That is why it is so important to talk, read and sing to your child every day, from day one.

Information from an Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) bulletin

Many of providers, whose licensing process was not completed prior to the January 1, 2016 completed their seven-hour Preventive Health and Safety Practices Training in the last few months of 2015. These providers are faced with having to schedule and pay for a full eight hour training that includes the seven hour course that they recently previously have completed. The EMSA was asked to consider a temporary solution to this problem. As a result EMSA agreed to temporarily allow EMSA approved Preventive Health and Safety Practices (PHSP) training programs to provide the one-hour children's nutrition module as a continuation of an earlier course to child care providers who took the original seven hour courses in the latter part of 2015. The parameters for the training are listed below:

- For this solution, only currently approved EMSA Preventive Health and Safety Practices training programs with approved nutrition curricula may teach the temporary one-hour children's nutrition curriculum.
- This solution can be applied only to child care providers who received their original seven-hour Preventive Health and Safety Practices training in the last few months of 2015 and who took their training from programs that are currently EMSA-approved to teach the children's nutrition module.
- This solution can be applied only to child care providers who took their seven-hour Preventive Health and Safety Practices training from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- This solution will only be able to be carried out from February 2, 2016 until May 2, 2016.
- This solution is voluntary on the part of the EMSA-approved PHSP training program; some training programs have chosen not to participate.
- Child care providers may only take the one-hour children's nutrition course through the same training program that they had previously taken the seven-hour PHSP course.
- Any additional cost to the child care provider for the one-hour nutrition training will be the decision of the training program.
- The PHSP Training Programs will have to rescind the child care provider licensee's seven-hour PHSP course completion card and sticker. Once child care licensees have completed the one-hour children's nutrition module, the child care training program will issue a new PHSP course completion card and sticker with the 2016 completion date.
- The PHSP training program must destroy the rescinded course completion card and sticker.
- The PHSP training program must submit to EMSA a new roster form with the child care provider's previous PHSP sticker number and the 2016 replacement sticker number, along with all other information required for the roster.

If you have any questions about this temporary solution for child care provider compliance with AB 290, you may contact Lucy by phone at (916) 431-3678, or lucy.chaidez@emsa.ca.gov

Allergy Causes in Children

What Causes Allergies?

Children get allergies from coming into contact with allergens. Allergens can be inhaled, eaten, or injected (from stings or medicine) or they can come into contact with the skin.



Identifying and avoiding the things your child is allergic to is best.

If your child has an allergic condition, try the following:

Some of the more common allergens are:

- Pollens from trees, grasses, and weeds
 - Molds, both indoor and outdoor
 - Dust mites that live in bedding, carpeting, and other items that hold moisture
 - Animal dander from furred animals such as cats, dogs, horses, and rabbits
 - Some foods and medicines
 - Venom from insect stings
- Keep windows closed during the pollen season, especially on dry, windy days when pollen counts are highest.
 - Keep the house clean and dry to reduce mold and dust mites.
 - Avoid having pets and indoor plants.
 - Avoid those things that you know cause allergic reactions in your child.
 - Prevent anyone from smoking anywhere near your child, especially in your home and car.

Allergies tend to run in families. If a parent has an allergy, there is a higher chance that his or her child also will have allergies. This risk increases if both parents are allergic.

See your pediatrician for safe and effective medicine that can be used to help alleviate or prevent allergy symptoms.

https://www.healthychildren.org/_layouts/15/AA.P.HealthyChildren/images/healthy-children-logo.gif

The following is a recommendation and not a Licensing Requirement: Check your Smoke Alarms When You Change the Clocks!

Most fatal fires occur at night. Every home needs working smoke alarms to provide an early warning. Install smoke alarms in all sleeping rooms, hallways that lead to sleeping areas, basements and each additional level of your home. Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling 4" from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12" from the ceiling. Do not install near draft areas (windows, vents). Call your local fire department if you are unsure about placement.

A good time to remember to check your smoke alarm and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice a year as daylight savings time begins and ends.

Prepare and practice an escape plan! Crawl low under smoke. Plan where to meet outside. Once you are out, stay out! Remember, almost every day a smoke alarm saves somebody's life. For more information, visit www.fire.ca.gov

Introduced Bills for 2016

AB 1897: Day care centers: birth to first grade license option.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1897

AB 2231: Care facilities: civil penalties

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2231

AB 2036: Online child care job posting services: consumer education: background check service providers: consumer education
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2036

AB 1072: School bus safety: child safety alarm system.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1072

New FCCH Capacity Regulation Effective April 1, 2016

The following Title 22 Regulations sections have been revised:

- Staffing and Capacity Ratio **102416.5**
- Operation of a Family Child Care Home **102417**
- Child's Records **102421**
- Definitions **102352**

Information on the most recent regulatory changes will be available for view April 1, 2016.

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/PG3678.htm>

Basic Course for Required Annual Healthy Schools Act Training Now Online!

For those using pesticides in schools and required to take Healthy Schools Act (HSA) training, the BASIC level course, "Basic Pest Management in School and Child Care Settings," is now available at the School IPM Training Page and meets the training requirement.

Who should take the BASIC course?

The BASIC course was designed for child care providers, teachers, custodians, and food service workers who use disinfectant products or sanitizers as a part of their day-to-day work. This course features a section focusing on safety when disinfectants are used at schools and child care centers. No continuing education credit is offered for this course. Once training is complete, print the certificate and keep it on file. Do not send certificates to

DPR. For questions and more information, you can contact the Department of Pesticide Regulations at the address or email.

DPR School and Child Care IPM Team
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1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015
Sacramento, CA 95812-4015
Email: school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov

Information on the Zika Virus

Zika is a virus that is thought to spread to people through mosquito bites; there has also been at least one documented case of sexual transmission. The illness is usually mild, with symptoms lasting from several days to one week. About one in five people infected with Zika virus develop symptoms. Hospitalization is not common. Zika virus has been found in Mexico, several countries in Central and South America, and several islands in the Caribbean including Puerto Rico. A number of imported cases were recently diagnosed in the U.S.

The information indicated in the links below was developed by the Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response within HHS and is related to the Zika Virus.

For parents: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr/resource/zika-parents>

For providers: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr/resource/head-start-or-child-care-programs-need-to-know-bout-zika>

IMPORTANT INFO AND PHONE NUMBERS

Centralized Complaint & Information Bureau (CCIB)	1-844-538-8766
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Child Care Advocate Program	916-654-1541
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Child Protective Services	916-875-5437
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Caregiver Background Check Bureau	1-888-422-5669
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CA Child Care Resource and Referral Network	1-415-882-0234
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Notes and Credits

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