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Community Care Licensing Division **CHILD CARE UPDATE SPRING 2014**

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Child Care 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.

In keeping the child care community informed about licensing programs and requirements and services, the Updates continue to be an

important method for sharing information. We appreciate your support in sharing these Updates with those in your organization and others interested in child care issues. You may find the topic of your choice in each Update by clicking on the link provided in the “Inside This Issue” and “Extra! Extra! Headings” table on the left side of this page. Click on the underlined feature and you will be taken to that area of the Update.

Extra! Extra! Headings.....

- Recall Information
- Day Care Home Sponsors
- Creating Healthier Child Care Environments

Proper Identification—Be Aware of Imposters!

The Child Care Licensing Program issues warnings to all child care facility providers regarding Licensing Program Analyst imposters, and strange callers soliciting your personal/confidential information. It is standard protocol for Licensing Program Analysts to show their state issued picture identification card prior to entering a licensed facility. You may also call your local licensing office to verify the identification of licensing

staff if you are concerned. If someone pays a visit to your home/facility, do not allow them to enter before verifying who they are.

If you receive a call(s) from an unknown individual, we suggest asking them a number of questions before offering information.

Please visit the [Child Care Licensing website](#) for additional information and tips to help maintain safety at your home/facility.

LICENSING MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

New Deputy Director

Appointment of Deputy Director, Community Care Licensing Division

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Pamela Dickfoss as the new Deputy Director of the Community Care Licensing Division.

Ms. Dickfoss comes to us from the Department of Public Health where she was the Assistant Deputy Director. As the Assistant Deputy, Ms. Dickfoss managed the day-to-day operations of the Center for Health Care Quality

Licensing and Certification Program which has 15 offices throughout the State with regulatory responsibility for over 8,000 healthcare facilities and nearly 250,000 certified nurses' aides and hemodialysis technicians. She has been at the Department of Public Health since 2007. Her 17-year state career also reflects many years of management and budget experience at the Department of Health Services.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Dickfoss to the Department.



LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION – TRAINING VIDEOS

The requirements for the Healthy Schools Act are established in [Education Code](#) Section 17609, and [Health and Safety Code](#) Section 1596.845.

[California Department of Pesticide Regulation](#)

website offers valuable information:

- Pesticide use report
- Laws and Regulations
- [Food Safety News](#)

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has created a fun, useful series of seven exciting videos that show “green” ways for controlling pests. The videos, filmed in child care centers in Yolo County, can help prevent pests from entering centers and becoming hazardous to human health.

The seven videos describe a pest control strategy known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM helps to prevent and treat pest problems using non-chemical control methods, monitoring, and recordkeeping, among other things.

In California, young children can spend as much as 10 hours per day in child care centers, and parents and kids often bring in food and candy that can attract ants, cockroaches, and rodents. Child care staff sometimes turn to unneeded pesticides to keep areas clean. But DPR believes by focusing more on IPM, staff can help prevent the pests from becoming guests in the centers.

“As a scientist and a mom, I shudder at the thought of child care centers being infested with cockroaches, rodents, or ants. These pests can be a nuisance and even a health hazard,” said Belinda Messenger, PhD, DPR Senior Environmental Scientist. This video series will help protect our children while giving child care staff practical and easy-to-use advice for getting rid of pests.”

The videos, part of DPR’s [Growing up Green Child Care Program](#) will be a useful resource for:

- California’s 10,000 licensed private child care centers.
- 670,000 kids, ranging in age from newborn to 5 years old, attending California child care centers.
- Preventing pests from entering child care centers in the first place.
- Show all California’s licensed child care centers how to comply with the **Healthy Schools Act of 2000**. It is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). For a free DVD copy of this video series, please write to: Belinda.Messenger@cdpr.ca.gov.

Child Care Licensing Program pesticide articles:

[Fall 2010](#)

[Winter 2013](#)

[Child Care Center Self Assessment Guide](#)





Chaptered Legislation

A summary and implementation plan for pertinent bills chaptered in 2013 that affect child care facilities is available on the [CCLD website](#).

Unless otherwise noted in the summary and implementation plan, bills become effective

January 1, 2014. We encourage licensees to review the summary and implementation plans to ensure compliance with the provisions of new laws. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact your local licensing regional office.

Immunizations Requirements

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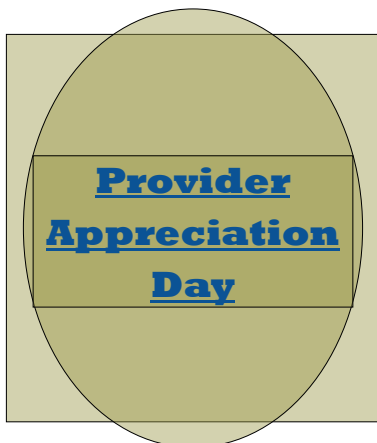
Beginning January 1, 2014, parents or guardians who, because of personal beliefs, do not want their children to receive one or more immunizations required for entering school or child care, must provide documentation specified by a new state law, also known as [Assembly Bill 2109](#).

Additional information about this new law designed for parents, health care practitioners and schools is now available at www.shotsforschool.org, including:

- A standardized exemption form that meets the requirements of Assembly Bill 2109.
- Frequently asked questions about the new law.

The California Department of Public Health will continue to update the ShotsForSchool.org website into 2014. For more information, questions or comments, please e-mail info@shotsforschool.org.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT



Recall Information

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) advises consumers to stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. In addition, it is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure the health and safety of all children in their care. Licensees are to follow manufacturer labels and adhere to all recall instructions provided by the CPSC. Licensees may visit the [CPSC](#) website and subscribe to receive recall alerts on consumer products.

Day Care Home Sponsors

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

CACFP provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to small groups of children receiving nonresidential day care in licensed or approved private homes. A day care home must sign an agreement with a sponsor to participate in CACFP. The sponsor organizes training, conducts monitoring, and helps with planning menus and filling out reimbursement forms.

List of California day care home operating sponsors can be found at [CACFP](#).

Creating Healthier Child Care Environments

First Lady Michelle Obama joins the Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) and Learning Care Group to announce the commitment to providing a healthier environment at 900 schools across the country. PHA and Learning Care Group will implement best practices that align with *Let's Move!* Child Care goals in five areas: physical activity, screen time, food and beverages, infant feeding, and parent engagement.

Obesity in children ages two to five has declined 43 percent over the past 10 years. Learning Care Group's commitment to make their school environments even healthier will play a vital role in continued efforts to reduce obesity prevalence.

Visit [Learning Care Group](#) website to learn about their three year plan.

LICENSED CHILD CARE STATISTICS

All statistics regarding State and county licensed child care facilities can be obtained by visiting the CCLD [licensing statistics webpage](#).



The screenshot shows the CDSS website header with the CA.GOV logo and Department of SOCIAL SERVICES. The navigation menu includes: CCL Home, Laws and Regulations, Fingerprinting, Complaints, Facility Facts, Forms, and Tools/Resources. The 'Licensing Statistics' link is circled in red. Below the navigation, there is a section for Edmund G. Brown Jr., Office of Governor, with a 'Visit his Website' button. The main content area is titled 'Licensing Statistics' and includes links for 'State Licensed Facilities by geographical area' and 'County Licensed Facilities'. A 'HOW TO:' section lists: Apply for a License, Register for an Orientation, Make a Complaint, and Report Abuse.

If you have questions about items included in this Update, suggestions for future topics, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please send an email to: cclp@dss.ca.gov. You may also visit our internet website at www.cclp.ca.gov to obtain past Child Care Updates, and to learn more about child care licensing.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Pamela Dickfoss

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