



Guide to Reading the Regulations for Pinellas County Child Care Licenses

In order to assist you in reading and understanding the regulations of Pinellas County, we have created this tip sheet. It is for both homes and centers. If you have further questions, please refer to:

[2013 Children's Center Standard Classification Summary](#)

[2013 Family Child Care Homes Standard Findings](#)

[2013 Large Family Child Care Homes Standard Findings](#)

The above can be found on our home page on the right hand side under "Quick Links". These guides are to help you understand the inspections that you receive and follow along directly with the inspections.

TIPS FOR READING THE REGULATIONS:

- **The first pages are a detailed table of contents that should help you find the regulation about the topic you need.**
- **Page 1 discusses all the various codes and laws of Florida that apply to our Regulations. We must, at a minimum, meet State laws and Codes, but can exceed them.**
- **The next section is the definitions for commonly used words or phrases in the regulations.**
- **The next section is the Laws regarding the need to be licensed in Pinellas County; and also includes information about the Pinellas County License Board, for example why and how it was formed and how it works.**
- **The next section is the regulations.**
- **On the left hand side, in italics, you may see a date, or other wording. That is the history of the regulation and how it came to be a regulation.**
 - a. **A date means that the PCLB made some kind of change to the regulation. It could be for clarification in wording or could exceed the state.**

- b. Ch 61 means it is from Chapter 61-2681, amended by Chapters 70-893 and 2007-277, Special Act for Pinellas County.
- c. Ch 402 means it is in Florida Statute.
- d. Ch 65C means it is from the Florida Administrative Code.

All of the above mentioned Chapters, Statutes and Codes can be found linked on our website.

Chapter 402 and Chapter 65 C can be found on the DCF website www.myflorida.com/childcare under the left side link to “Laws and Requirements”.

Chapter 61 can be found on the PCLB website www.pclb.org on the home page, right hand side under “Quick Links”.

We hope this is helpful to you and helps you understand the origin of the Regulations for Child Care in Pinellas County. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call our offices, email us from the PCLB website on the home page left hand side “Contact Us” link, or by speaking with your assigned specialist.

We understand the hard work and sacrifices you put in to caring for the children of Pinellas County and thank you for your dedication.

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