

# Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers & Family Day Care Homes

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Carla Recker, Executive Director  
Lourdes Benedict, Chairman



## MEMORANDUM

To: Children's Centers Owners/Directors

From: Carla Recker, Executive Director  
Jorie Massarsky

Date: April 22, 2010

Subject: **A. Public Hearing to address increases in minimum standards for children's centers**  
**B. Meeting Compliance for Proposed Regulations**

### A. Public Hearing to Address Increases in Minimum Standards

The Pinellas County License Board at their regular meeting of April 7, 2010, approved for public hearing regulations to increase/supplement requirements in *Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Children's Centers*.

A public hearing **WHICH BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.** will be held for the Board to receive public comments, if any, on the proposed increases.

Public Hearing

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

6:30 – 6:45 p.m. or until all comments are heard for **children's centers**

6:45 – 7:00 p.m. or until all comments are heard for family child care homes and large family child care homes

**Conference room 340, Health Department, 4175 East Bay Drive, Largo**

Attendance is **not** required. If you wish to make a comment but cannot attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments **by 12:00 noon Monday, July 5, 2010 to Dana Stajkowski:**

- ❖ By mail: 4175 East Bay Drive, Suite 350, Largo 33764, or
  - ❖ By fax at 727-507-4858, or
  - ❖ By email to [Dana\\_Stajkowski@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Dana_Stajkowski@doh.state.fl.us).
- Call to verify receipt of comments unless hand-delivered.

**Underlined words are increases and stricken words are deletions. Double underlined and double stricken words were changes made by Board at the April 7, 2010 Board meeting. Highlighted words in Chapter 65C-22 are changes to the state regulations.**

**When referenced, the License Board must meet or exceed state child care licensing regulations in.**

## A. Public Hearing to address increases in minimum standards for children's centers

### 65C-22.003(2)4. states:

Child care personnel in compliance with the school-age requirements in paragraph 65C-22.008(4)(c), F.A.C., shall be considered in compliance with the child care personnel training requirements.

**Recommendation:** This is a new regulation for Pinellas County and staff is requesting that the state regulation be increased as follows.

#### I. PERSONNEL

##### C. Training Requirements

7. Child care personnel in compliance with the school-age Training Requirements in Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Children's Centers shall have 120 days to complete Child Growth and Development and Behavior Observation and Screening, and an approved 5 hour Early Literacy course, if they have not already done so as part of their school-age training requirements. Completion of such training may be counted toward the in-service training requirement.

#### Finding of Necessity:

Child care personnel working with preschool age children need to have specific training in dealing with 2 months- 6 year olds. Both the clock hour trainings are part of the required 40 clock hour trainings for preschool child care personnel, and provide valuable training regarding age specific expected milestones and tools for assessing children. Literacy is a component in brain development, crucial in young children.

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### 65C-22.008(4)16 states:

School-age child care personnel in compliance with paragraph 65C-22.003(2)(a), F.A.C., shall be considered in compliance with the school-age child care personnel training requirements.

**Recommendation:** This is a new regulation for Pinellas County and staff is requesting that the state regulation be increased as follows.

#### I. PERSONNEL (Children's Centers)

##### C. Training Requirements

11. School-age child care personnel in compliance with the children's center training requirements in Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Children's Centers shall have 120 days to complete School Age Appropriate Practices, if they have not already done so as part of their child care training requirements. Completion of such training may be counted toward the in-service training requirement.

#### Finding of Necessity:

Child care personnel working with school age children need to have specific training in dealing with five through 12 year olds. School Age Appropriate Practices provides training that will ensure that school age child care personnel provide developmentally appropriate activities.

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**A. Public Hearing to address increases in minimum standards for children’s centers**

**65C-22.004(3)(g) states: (Centers)**

All medicine must have child resistant caps, **if applicable**, and shall **either** be stored **in a locked area or must be inaccessible** and out of a child’s reach.

**Recommendation:** The following PCLB regulation is the previous state regulation. Staff is requesting that the state regulation be increased by keeping the original wording which follows. Staff recommends including the highlighted words from state.

V. Records (Children’s Centers)

A. Facility Records

8. Medication

- f. All medicines must have child resistant caps, **if applicable**, and must be stored separately and locked out of a child’s reach.

**Finding of Necessity:**

Pinellas County currently requires that medications be locked. Remaining at this level helps ensure the health and safety of children, as out of a child’s reach does not account for children who are able to climb and reach things above their heads. Additionally, some areas of children’s centers are used for multi-age children, and what is out of reach for one age group may not be out of reach for another.

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**65C-22.004(3)(d) (Centers) states:**

In the event of an emergency, non-prescription medication that is not brought in by the custodial parent or legal guardian can be dispensed only if the facility has written authorization from the custodial parent or legal guardian to do so.

Any medication dispensed under these conditions must be documented in the child’s file, and the custodial parent or legal guardian must be notified on the day of occurrence.

**Recommendation:** This is a new regulation for Pinellas County and staff is requesting that the state regulation be increased as follows.

V. RECORDS (Children’s Centers)

A. Facility Records

8. Medication

- g. In the event of an emergency, , non-prescription medication that is not brought in by the custodial parent or legal guardian can be dispensed only if the facility has written authorization from the custodial parent or legal guardian and with emergency medical personnel direction to do so.

Any medication dispensed under these conditions must be documented in the child’s file, and the custodial parent or legal guardian must be notified on the day of occurrence.

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### **Finding of Necessity:**

A medical emergency necessitates enacting emergency procedures which includes contacting 911 or Poison Control, depending on the situation. A medical professional will know whether administration of medication is the proper protocol and what the proper dose is to administer to a child. It will help to ensure that measures taken will help and not hurt the child.

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