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The Department of Children and Families Regulations and Public Hearings

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is the state regulator for child care in Florida. The Pinellas County License Board (PCLB) must meet or exceed state child care regulations.

The State regulations and notice of their public hearings can be found on their website at:

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare/>

Once you are on their web page, please note down the left side of the page, there are various sections. To see the **State regulations** click on the link that states: "[Laws & Requirements](#)".

- Chapter 65C-20 is the Florida Administrative Code for Family Day Care Standards and Large Family Child Care Homes
- Chapter 65C-22 is the Florida Administrative Code for Child Care Standards (children's centers)

To see if there are any **public hearings** that are planned, please click on the top link that states:

["Child Care Main Page"](#) and then on the lower right hand side of that page is a link in the box that states "What's New". When you click that link and are on the What's New webpage, you can obtain all kinds of information on public hearings, trainings, workshops, and more.

We encourage all of our providers in Pinellas County to familiarize themselves with these links. Valuable information that affects everyone involved with child care in our County is found here.