



QUARTERLY NEWS!



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Pinellas County License Board (PCLB) Website

This is just a reminder that if you have internet access, you can go to our website, www.pclb.org, to access our updated forms. On our home page on the left hand side, click on Family Child Care Homes Forms. Using updated forms and filling them out correctly will help you to maintain compliance. All forms are listed alphabetically.

Background Screening Dates

It is the provider's responsibility to know when a 5-year screening is due for themselves, any household member, substitutes, and employees. In order to keep your Clearinghouse account active, please log in every 2-3 months, pull up you're screening and log back out. This will help you to avoid having to re-register in 5 years due to inactivity on the account.

BACKGROUND SCREENING - WHAT DOES "RETAINED PRINTS EXPIRATION DATE" REALLY MEAN?

There are 2 dates on your clearance letter for background screening that you need to track:

1. Eligibility Determination Date – Per licensing regulations, that screening date is good for 5 years.
2. Retained Prints Expiration Date – That date means that your fingerprints will only be retained in the Clearinghouse until that expiration date. As of that date, your fingerprints will no longer be retained in the Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse only maintains your fingerprints for 5 years.

If your roster is updated, you will receive notification by email when fingerprints are getting ready to expire in the Clearinghouse. The notices will begin 60 days prior to expiration. This means that as of the retention date, the fingerprints will no longer be in the Clearinghouse for you or any household member, substitute or employee. The person will have to be re-fingerprinted paying the full price. Please be sure that you are tracking the retention date so that you can do a resubmission and pay a lower cost (approximately \$42.00). If you, a household member, substitute or employee worked in the health care field and was fingerprinted for that job, the retention date is based on when they were fingerprinted for that job. So, please look closely at your clearance letter and the Retained Prints Expiration Date.

Delinquency Screenings: If you submit a delinquency screening for a household member between the ages of 12-17, be sure to notify the Child Care Licensing office of the child's name and date of birth and when it was submitted. The results come directly to the CCLP office, but the above information is needed to pull up the screening results.

Preparedness

There are some reminders that we would like to share to help you protect your family and your Family Child Care Home business now that we are at the height of hurricane season. Be sure that you have a personal safety plan in place for you and your family. If at any time your home or property sustains damage from a natural disaster, fire, or other event, the License Board staff must be notified within 24 hours as to the status of your home. If your Family Child Care Home closes temporarily, prior to re-opening, the License Board staff must inspect to ensure health and safety standards are met. Have you thought about what would happen if your home was damaged and you could not open your Family Child Care Home? Where would your child care children go for care? Have you thought to partner with other providers that have not sustained any damage to their home and can open with the possibility of your child care children attending their home if space is available, until you are up and running again?

Influenza Brochures and Distracted Adult Driver flyers once again need to be distributed this fall. Why not do both in September at the same time, satisfying both regulations and making it easier on families and staff to keep track? You can use the paper copies or email them out and put the email received notification with the date in each child's file. We must be able to see that both of these important pieces of information did reach their intended recipients during the required timeframe.



Check indoor & outdoor spaces before children arrive.

Landline phone must be located in licensed space, not in an off-limits room. It must be plugged in and operable during daycare hours.

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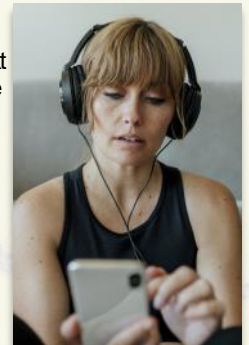


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Executive Director



Happy Fall to all!

The Pinellas County Child Care Licensing Program office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Although I am hopeful there is never a reason for you to use our after-hours service, there is one available in the event that you do. The system allows you to leave a message for a return call on the next business day when calling outside of our office hours. I am aware that most of your Family Child Care Homes have extended hours to accommodate the families you have enrolled and emergencies can happen at any hour of the day. If the call is urgent in nature and cannot wait until the next business day for a return call, there are instructions in the after-hours message that will allow you to contact someone right away.



Our office hours are separate from our operating hours. Please note, your Family Child Care Home could receive an inspection visit during any of your operating hours. "Office hours" refers to the hours our office personnel are available to take calls.

Our Licensing Specialists are very dedicated to their jobs and will work the hours necessary to fulfill their inspection responsibilities.

I hope this information is helpful and allows for better communications between PCLB and you as a provider.

Thank you for the work you do every day with the children of Pinellas County!

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NEWS FROM EPIDEMIOLOGY

Monkeypox Infection and Prevention

Since May 2022, the United States has been experiencing an outbreak of monkeypox. As of August 18, over 1,300 cases have been reported in Florida. While the case data collected currently shows transmission is higher among men who have sex with men, anyone can catch the virus through close face-to-face or skin-to-skin contact. Furthermore, there have been confirmed reports of children being infected following close contact, which includes holding, cuddling, feeding, as well as through shared bedding and utensils, from a caregiver or household member. Recently, health officials in Illinois investigated a daycare worker who was diagnosed with monkeypox and potentially exposed several children to the virus.



Monkeypox is a disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Symptoms normally last for 2-4 weeks and include fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes and rash

that looks like pimples or blisters. Individuals who are infected are likely to survive, however, people with weakened immune systems, children under 8 years of age, people with a history of eczema, and people who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be more likely to get seriously ill. Monkeypox is spread through direct contact, respiratory droplets and less commonly contact with objects that were touched by an infected person.

People who think they have monkeypox or have had close personal contact with someone who has monkeypox should visit a healthcare provider to help them decide if they need to be tested. Treatment and vaccines are available for monkeypox. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has ap-



proved the Jynneos monkeypox vaccine to be given to people under the age of 18 who have been exposed to the virus, including children who were exposed to a known case.

Despite the mode of transmission and increasing cases, risk for spread in a childcare center is still low at this time. General hygiene guidelines such as sanitizing, disinfecting, and excluding children and staff for signs or symptoms of illness are still effective ways to prevent disease transmission in childcare centers. Continue encouraging hand hygiene practices and cough and sneeze etiquette. It is also a good idea to develop and follow a regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule for the entire facility, including toys and shared bedding.

REFERENCES

Florida Department of Health, Monkeypox: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/monkeypox/index.html>

CDC 2022 U.S. Monkeypox Outbreak <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/faq.html>

Illinois daycare worker with monkeypox might have exposed children, officials say <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/illinois-daycare-worker-monkeypox-might-exposed-children-officials-say-rcna41814>

Image: CDC.gov

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First Choice Glass Baby Bottles Recalled by NUK Due to Violation of the Federal Lead Content Ban; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com (Recall Alert)

NUK toll-free at 888-685-1238 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, online at www.recall.nuk-usa.com, or a www.nuk-usa.com and click on RECALL at the top of the page for more information.



The Manhattan Toy Company Recalls Activity Loops Toys for Infants Due to Choking Hazard

Website: <https://www.manhattantoy.com/pages/recall-information>

E-mail: help@manhattantoy.com

Phone: (800) 541-1345



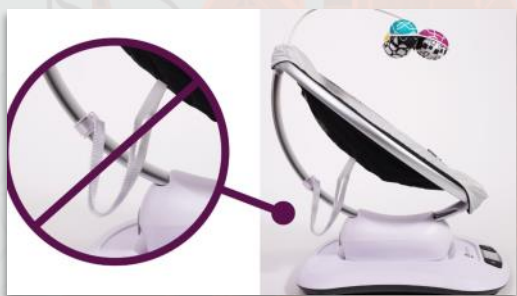
Epoch Everlasting Play Recalls Kidoozie Play Tents and Playhouses Due to Flammability Risk and Burn



Epoch Everlasting Play at 800-631-1272 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ET Monday through Friday, email at productsafety@epocheverlastingplay.com or online www.epocheverlastingplay.com/recalls or www.epocheverlastingplay.com and click on "Recalls" on the top menu for more information.

4moms Recalls More than 2 Million MamaRoo and RockaRoo Infant Swings and Rockers Due to Entanglement and Strangulation Hazards; One Death



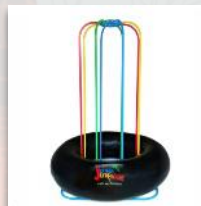
4moms toll-free at 877-870-7390 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, by email at safetyandrecall@4moms.com or online at <https://www.4momsrecall.expertinquiry.com> or <https://www.4moms.com> and click on SAFETY & RECALL at the top of the page for more information. 4moms is contacting all known purchasers directly.

Scholastic Recalls Shake Look Touch Books Due to Choking Hazard

Scholastic toll-free at 888-724-1872 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, online at www.recallrtr.com/slt or www.scholastic.com/slt or www.scholastic.com and click on "Product Safety" at the bottom of the page for more information.



Jungle Jumperoo Recalls Children's Toys Due to Violation of the Federal Lead Content Ban (Recall Alert)



Jungle Jumperoo toll-free at 888-980-5867 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, online at www.JungleJumperoo.com/alert or www.JungleJumperoo.com and click on Recall Alert at the top of the page for more information.

Target Recalls Children's Cat & Jack Unicorn Cozy Pajama Sets Due to Burn Hazard

Phone: (800) 440-0680

Website: www.target.com



CPSC Consumer Information Hotline

Contact us at this toll-free number if you have questions about a recall:

800-638-2772 (TTY 301-595-7054) Times: 8 am – 5:30 pm ET. Messages can be left anytime.

Call to get product safety and other agency information and to report unsafe products.

<https://www.cpsc.gov/>

Creative Corner

Fun, educational activities kids LOVE



<https://thelearningfort.org>

CALL 727.223.4297 M-F 12-2

Our activity at The Learning Fort was about bees and why they are important for the environment. The children also learned about the life cycle of bees and tasted honey. Then, they created their own honeycombs.



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Mission

To protect and promote the health, safety, and mental development of children cared for in children's centers and family child care homes in Pinellas County.

Vision

Every child has access to quality child care and education in an environment that values diversity.

Values

Commitment
Integrity
Quality

Board Spotlight

Mike Mikurak

PCLB Board Chair

In August of 2013, former Governor Rick Scott appointed me to the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Welfare Board. I became the Chairman of JWB in 2021-2022, for a two year term. It is very rewarding to be part of the JWB team and witness the value it offers the children of our community through extended child care, food, and most importantly, education. JWB provides our children with a safe place to learn, grow and become valued citizens of our community.

My favorite part of being involved in the welfare of children is the ability to help and impact the lives of the most underserved children of our community. My least favorite aspect of it is that we are unable to directly meet and reach every child single child.

I feel that great child care providers offer loving care and treat children as if they are their own flesh and blood. They are people that understand that all children deserve a nurturing environment. They share their own life experiences to provide children with role models and make them feel like family during the ups and downs of life.

They provide guidance, loving care and shelter. Great child care providers are very unique people to say the least, and they deserve our thanks and support for the service they provide.



Mike Mikurak, left

In 2000, my family and I moved to Pinellas County from New Jersey, where we are from. My wife Elaine and I have three children and two grandchildren, all currently living in Pinellas County. Our children have very different and successful careers. Our oldest son is a Project Director for an environmental company. Our daughter is a Guidance Counselor with Pinellas County Schools and our youngest son is a business owner in downtown St. Petersburg. We also have two grandchildren that are in 8th and 3rd grades respectively and attend Pinellas County Schools.

I retired back in 2003, as a Founding Partner of Accenture, PLC. Since then, I have had a number of roles in the community as part of the Board of Directors of BayCare Health System, St. Anthony's Hospital, The Science Center of Pinellas County, Career Source, The JWB, PCLB, and ELC. I am also the Chairman of the Board of a startup company in Pinellas County. So, when I am not enjoying giving back my time in support of our community, I enjoy playing golf, boating, traveling and socializing with friends.



Mike Mikurak, second from left

I want to personally thank Center and Home child care providers for all you do for the children in our community. Your willingness to step up and provide high quality care to so many children is commendable and that will never be forgotten.

God bless you all. **Mike Mikurak**