

Please Read Important Information

Meeting Compliance with Proposed Increased Regulations for Public Hearing on July 7, 2010

Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes

Please note that exact wording and further information can be found in the attached white packet. This is merely a summary of the proposed increases.

I. Personnel

B. Staff Training

8. Specialized Training . . .

It was requested at a previous Board meeting that the requirements for obtaining a license for 3 children under 18 months to be more specific. Anyone that currently has a license for this, would not need to complete the below training, it is proposed for new applicants only.

How to maintain compliance: If you would like to change a Family Child Care Home License from 2 under 2 years to 3 under 18 months you would need to complete the following training within a year of starting the training, unless you obtain prior written approval from the Child Care Licensing Program. The trainings could be taken through various community agencies that are listed in the attached packet. If one would like to take a training from another source, they would just need prior approval from the CCLP. Also, a maximum of 50% of the training may be completed online, the rest would need to be a classroom training.

1. Shaken Baby Syndrome and SIDS minimum 2 hours
2. Brain Research for children aged zero-5 years minimum 2 hours
3. Infant Toddler Appropriate Practices, or equivalent that is designed for child care professionals responsible for the care of children birth through 36 months. The course provides an overview of the need for quality care, stages of development, appropriate interactions, learning environments and experiences, health and safety practices, positive guidance strategies, observation and assessment, relationships with families, and quality caregivers. minimum 10 hours
4. Beyond Cribs and Rattles or equivalent that reviews specific child development, age appropriate play, biting, theorists for each age group 0-3 years of age, social and environmental development, and early literacy minimum 15 hours
5. Supervision of Multiage Groups in Family Child Care Homes minimum 2 hours
6. A current Abuse and Neglect Training minimum 1 hour. (The DCF Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse Training cannot be used to complete this requirement.)

I. Personnel

C. Supervision

1. The number of children . . .

This just changes the wording for the above required training for a license for 2 under 18 months from approved training to "Specialized Training".

How to maintain compliance: Follow the requirements above to maintain compliance and receive this license.

IV. Physical Plant Housing Family Child Care Homes

E. Rules for Pools Located at Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes

The State currently has a regulation that any family child care home that uses a swimming pool must be maintained by using chlorine or other suitable chemicals. We are asking that it be updated for Pinellas County to say any family child care home that HAS a swimming pool follow the above. Since the pools in Pinellas County may not be used by the family child care, the importance of a pool that is maintained enough to see the bottom of the pool is still important for child safety.

How to maintain compliance: Ensure that the pool water is clear enough to see the bottom of the pool at all times. This can be accomplished by using whatever chemicals or products your pool requires to keep the water clean.

II. Records

A. Facility Records

8. Medication

In the event of a medical emergency, and with prior parental/legal guardian consent, non-prescription medication that has **not** been provided by the parent/legal guardian can be dispensed with medical personnel direction. If dispensed, it must be documented in the child's file and the parent/legal guardian must be notified on the date that it was administered.

How to maintain compliance: Obtain written parental/legal guardian permission to administer non-prescription medication in the event of an emergency if directed to do so by medical personnel.

Keep that permission in the child's file. If an emergency occurs, contact medical personnel to determine what medication should be administered and at what dose. Medical personnel can include doctors, 911, and Poison Control Operators.

On the day the incident occurs, document the child's name, the medication given, the amount and who directed you to administer the medication. Have the parent/legal guardian sign and date this document, indicating notification on the date of occurrence. Document on the same form when you called the parent to notify them that the medication was administered. Maintain this documentation as you would any information regarding the dispensing of medication and have it available for review by your licensing specialist.