

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

Our mission is 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



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The following items are required for all persons requesting employee status. A file must be kept for employee. All the items below should be kept in that file at your home for licensing review.

Step #1 Background Screening

The items numbered 1-4 must be submitted to the License Board. The background screening process takes approximately 2 weeks.

1. **Fingerprint.** You must be registered with the Clearinghouse to receive fingerprinting results. You must initiate screening if employee has never worked in child care. If she/he has worked in child care or as an employee for another provider, you can log into your Clearinghouse account and run a copy of their clearance letter.
2. **Attestation of Good Moral Character** form - Read carefully. Sign this form on only **one** line. **Provider must also sign form at the end of Attestation.**
3. **Acknowledgement Form.** Sign and date and have provider sign/date in appropriate location.
4. **Employment History form** - The employee's employment history for a minimum of the past five (5) years is required. You may make copies of the form if needed. The employer(s) must complete (do the employment verifications) and sign the form. If she/he have been unemployed or self-employed check the appropriate box and note dates.

Step #2 Training and Documentation

While waiting for the clearances (approximately 2 weeks), obtain and complete items numbered 5-8 and submit these items to the Licensing Board.

5. **Infant/Child CPR** – Submit proof of current certification in CPR.
6. **First Aid** – Applicant must submit proof of current certification in First Aid.
7. **Verification of the 5-clock-hour Early Literacy course** is required for employees within one year from date of employment. For more information visit www.myflfamilies.com/childcare
8. **30 Clock Hours** – Training must be started within 90 days of employment. Training must be completed within one year from the date training began. **(Course completion means taking and passing the competency exam).** A training transcript is required as documentation of course completion.

To register for a course, go online to www.myflfamilies.com/childcare

Additional certifications required per regulations are:

1. **Fire Extinguisher Training:** available at www.fireextinguishertraining.com (Be sure to print the certificate and write in the date you completed the training). Your employee must complete form F-0076 (to know where the extinguisher is in your home).
2. **Safe Sleep:** available at www.myflfamilies.com or www.earlylearningflorida.com
3. **Exposure Control Plan Training:** completed by signing provider's Exposure Control Plan (annually)
4. **Pre-Service Training is required if contracted with Early Learning Coalition:** and they do not have the 30 clock hours. Pre-service trainings are offered through Early Learning Florida (earlylearningflorida.com)
5. **Water Safety** if applicable, can be taken at www.myflfamilies.com or Google 'water safety class'.

Once all the above is complete and sent to us, you will be notified as to when the employee can begin caring for children.