



# QUARTERLY NEWS!



Child Care Licensing Program Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County

## CHILDREN'S CENTERS

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### A Different Kind Of Fall

By Jorie Massarsky, Centers Supervisor

Fall, the start of the new school year and a time for new beginnings and new adventures. For many, this school year will look different than previous years. There may be fewer students per classroom, intensified cleaning and disinfecting, and masks used to help stop the spread of disease.

There may be some families who chose not to re-join your program right now and some who are looking for a safe place for their child to grow socially, emotionally and cognitively. Whatever the circumstances of the new school year may be, we know that you will do what you have always done; provide a safe, healthy and stimulating environment for children. You nurture them, care for them and provide community and connection to a group of families.

Please remember that just before we hit "pause," Pinellas County License Board approved new Regulations that were promulgated by DCF for the entire state. Trainings were offered for these new regulations and every Children's Center, School-Age Center, Non-Public program and Religious Exempt program received a copy of the new Regulations. The Standard Classification Summary is being finalized and will be on our website well in advance of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. At that time, we will no longer be giving technical assistance regarding new requirements and will be citing providers for violations. Please take a moment to review these standards. They are a concise listing of all potential violations that can be cited.

We are proud that the Child Care industry is now seen as "essential." Without your dedication, families would not have had options for child care when parents or guardians had to return to work.



We have heard from many who are so grateful to those of you who were able to remain open or opened up as soon as you could to ease the burden of finding Licensed Child Care.

We have a new required **Child Enrollment Form** that is available on our website.



I am grateful to work with such a dedicated group of Licensing Specialists, supervisory staff and support personnel who have kept everything moving forward while working remotely or in the office with few other staff present. They have supported you, answered your questions, responded to your needs and will continue to do so. We ask that you stay vigilant, safe and healthy.

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With Faith Bornoff, M.Ed.  
Executive Director



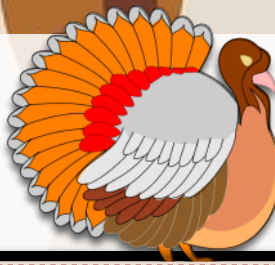
Amazing! That's the word that comes to mind when I think about those that provide child care in Pinellas County. I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you over these past few months and your resilience despite what we have all been handed during this pandemic amazes me. I have seen such strong people facing the unknown, adjusting to the "new norm" and pressing forward. Many of you stayed open and put on a brave front, even though you were shaking in your boots on the inside and we commend you! Child care providers do not get enough credit for being so essential to the infrastructure of the community. Without your service, work could not go on.

*Thank you for your dedication to the child care industry and the children of Pinellas County.*

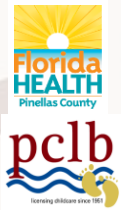


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A change in daily routine, lack of sleep, stress, fatigue, cell phone use, and simple distractions are some things parents experience and can be contributing factors as to why children have been left unknowingly in vehicles...



Developed by:  
The Office of Child Care Regulation

When life happens...Don't be a  
**DISTRACTED ADULT**



## FACTS ABOUT HEATSTROKE:

It only takes a car 10 minutes to heat up 20 degrees and become deadly.

Even with a window cracked, the temperature inside a vehicle can cause heatstroke. The body temperature of a child increases 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's body.



## PREVENTION TIPS:

- Never leave your child alone in a car and call 911 if you see any child alone in a car!
- Make a habit of checking the front and back seat of the car before you walk away.
- Be especially mindful during hectic or busy times, schedule or make changes, and periods of emotional stress or stress.
- Create reminders by putting something in the back seat that you will need at work, school or home such as a briefcase, purse, cell phone or your left shoe.
- Keep a stuffed animal in the baby's car seat and place it on the front seat as a reminder when the baby is in the back seat.
- Set a calendar.

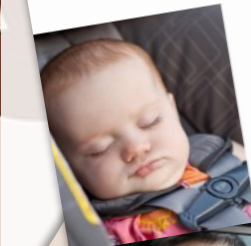
During the 2018 legislative session, a new law was passed that requires child care facilities, family day care homes and large family child care homes to provide parents, during the months of April and September each year, with information regarding the potential for distracted adults to fail to drop off a child at the facility/home and instead leave them in the adult's vehicle upon arrival at the adult's destination.

My signature below verifies receipt of the Distracted Adult brochure

Parent/Guardian:

Child's Name:

Un cambio en la rutina diaria, falta de sueño, estrés, fatiga, uso del teléfono celular, y simples distracciones son algunas cosas que los padres experimentan y pueden ser factores contribuyentes de por qué los niños se han quedado sin saberlo en vehículos...



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La Oficina de Regulación de Cuidado de Niños  
www.myfamilies.com  
CPR 175-10, Mayo 2018

Cuando la vida pasa...No sea un  
**ADULTO DISTRAÍDO**



## DATOS SOBRE EL GOLPE DE CALOR:

Solo le toma a un automóvil 10 minutos calentarse 20 grados más y volverse mortal.

Incluso con una ventana entristecida, la temperatura dentro de un vehículo puede causar un golpe de calor.



## CONSEJOS DE PREVENCIÓN:

- Nunca deje a su hijo solo en un automóvil y llame al 911 si ve a un niño solo en un automóvil.
- Acostumbrese a revisar el asiento delantero y trasero del automóvil antes de salir.
- Tenga especial cuidado durante los momentos agitados o estresados, los cambios de horario o ruta, y los periodos de estrés emocional o estrés.
- Creo recordatorios colocando algo en el asiento trasero que necesite en el trabajo, la escuela o el hogar, como un maletín, una cartera, un bolso, o cualquier otro objeto que necesite.
- Mantenga un animal de peluche en el asiento trasero del automóvil del bebé y colóquelo en el asiento trasero del automóvil cuando el bebé esté en el asiento trasero.
- Establezca un recordatorio de calendario en su dispositivo electrónico para asegurarse de que dejó a su hijo en el centro de cuidado infantil.
- Haga que sea una rutina revisar siempre al proveedor de cuidado infantil de su hijo con anticipación si su hijo va a llegar tarde o ausentarse; así podrá asegurarse de que el niño no ha quedado solo en el vehículo.

Durante la sesión legislativa de 2018, se aprobó una nueva ley que requiere a las instalaciones de cuidado infantil, hogares familiares de cuidado de niños y hogares familiares grandes durante los meses de abril y septiembre de cada año, proporcionar información a los padres sobre la posibilidad de que un adulto distraído no deje a un niño en el vehículo del adulto al llegar al destino del adulto.

Mi firma abajo verifica el recibo del folleto de adultos distraídos

Padre/Guardian:

Nombre del niño:

Fecha:

Complete y devuelva esta parte de el folleto a su proveedor de cuidado infantil, para mantener el recibo en sus registros.

During the 2009 legislative session, a new law was passed that requires child care facilities, family day care homes and large family child care homes to provide parents with information detailing the causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus (the flu) every year during August and September.

My signature below verifies receipt of the brochure on Influenza Virus, The Flu, A Guide to Parents:

Name:

Child's Name:

Date Received:

Signature:

Please complete and return this portion of the brochure to your child care provider in order for them to maintain it in their records.



## What should I do if my child gets sick?

Consult your doctor and make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks a lot of fluids. Never give aspirin or medicine that has aspirin in it to children or teenagers who may have the flu.

## CALL OR TAKE YOUR CHILD TO A DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY IF YOUR CHILD:

- Has a high fever or fever that lasts a long time
- Has trouble breathing or breathes fast
- Has skin that looks like
- Is not drinking enough
- Seems confused, will not wake up, does not want to be held, or has seizures (uncontrolled shaking)
- Gets better but then worse again
- Has other conditions (like heart or lung disease, diabetes) that get worse

How can I protect my child from the flu?

A flu vaccine is the best way to protect against a flu vaccine. The CDC recommends that all children 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year. The CDC also recommends that all children 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year. The CDC also recommends that all children 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year.

## What can I do to prevent the spread of germs?

The main way that the flu spreads is in respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing. This can happen when droplets from the air and infected people are propelled through the air and infect someone nearby. Though much less frequent, the flu may also spread through indirect contact with contaminated hands and articles soiled with nose and throat secretions. To prevent the spread of germs:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Cover mouth/nose during coughs and sneezes. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Limit contact with people who show signs of illness.
- Keep hands away from the face. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

## When should my child stay home from child care?

A person may be contagious and able to spread the virus from 1 day before showing symptoms up to 5 days after getting sick. The time frame could be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease well (people with weakened immune systems). When sick, your child should stay at home to rest and to avoid giving the flu to other children and staff. Your child should not return to child care or other group setting until his or her temperature has been normal and has been sick and symptom free for a period of 24 hours.

For additional helpful information about the dangers of the flu and how to protect your child, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> or <http://www.immunize.org/flu>

For additional information, please visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) or contact your local licensing office below.

How can I tell if my child has a cold, or the flu?

Most people with the flu feel tired and have fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. Because the flu and colds have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations.

CPR 175-10, June 2009  
This brochure was created by the Department of Children and Families in consultation with the Department of Health.

INFLUENZA VIRUS

"The Flu" A Guide for Parents

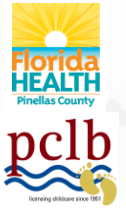
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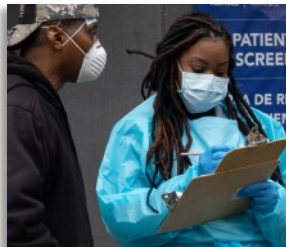
## NEWS FROM EPIDEMIOLOGY

### DOH-Pinellas is Here to Help!

As child care professionals continue to provide child care through the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) would like you to know that you are not alone during this novel and transitional phase.

DOH-Pinellas Incident Management Team is staffed with public health professionals and epidemiologists well-versed in disease prevention, case management and federal regulations/recommendations related COVID-19. To assist with the management of COVID-19 cases in vulnerable group settings, teams have been established to support different settings including hospitals, long-term care facilities, nursing homes, child care settings and schools.

The goal is to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in Pinellas County. We fulfill this purpose through case investigation and management, data collection and surveillance, contact tracing and monitoring to provide the appropriate recommendation for facilities. Our goal is to assist child care facilities in managing COVID-19 case identification and exclusion to reduce the risk of exposure to the general population and population of your center.



Source: <https://www.atlantamagazine.com/>



Source: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/>

### Understanding the Epidemiology of COVID19

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness spread person to person by droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. Symptoms usually appear between 2-14 days after exposure to an infected person.

Common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose or congestion
- Gastro-intestinal symptoms, including abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

Everyone is at risk for getting COVID-19 if they are exposed to the virus. Some people are more likely than others to become severely ill.

If you or your loved one develops symptoms, you should follow up with your healthcare provider. COVID-19 infection can be identified by a viral/PCR test which determines if the individual is actively infectious to others.

**More information on COVID-19 can be found here:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

### Resources for General School-Related Guidance for COVID-19

We aim to be an ally with schools as they welcome students back for the 2020-2021 school year in the midst of a pandemic. If you have question, comments or require guidance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Additional guidance for daycares can be found here:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

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(727) 824-6932 [PinellasHealth.com](https://www.PinellasHealth.com)



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**G**eorgia has a new process for requesting Child Abuse and Neglect registry searches. Previously, Child Care Licensing had to initiate the requests for the applicant in the Georgia system. Now, the individual must make the request themselves.

More information about the new process can be found clicking the following link:

<https://law.georgia.gov/key-issues/open-government/how-make-open-records-request>



## How to Make an Open Records Request

An Open Records Request should be made directly to the government agency's custodian of the records. If an agency has assigned a particular person to handle requests, that information will be available on the agency's website.

Under the Georgia Open Records Act, all public records are available for inspection and copying unless they are specifically exempted from disclosure under the law. If a government agency or custodian of public records withholds a public document from production under an Open Records Request, they must cite to the specific statutory provision of Georgia law that exempts the record from being produced.

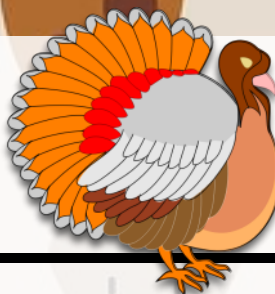
A request to inspect or copy records may be made either orally or in writing. For purposes of documenting and clarifying the scope and timing of the request, it is a better practice to make the request in writing, and actions to enforce the ORA can only be based on written requests.

A form that you can fill out to submit a request to an agency is available [here](#)

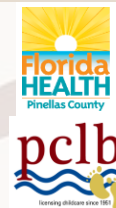


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## RECORD KEEPING FOR CHILDREN'S CENTERS

Is a four and a half (4 1/2) hour training comprised of an overview of regulations regarding record keeping including personnel, children, and facility records. Participants will receive a training packet that includes required and optional forms and learn practical ideas for setting up and maintaining files in order to be in compliance with regulations. This training is appropriate for prospective or new owners/directors and as an

*These classes are subject to cancellation based on restrictions and requirements in the state at that time.*

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$40.00 Prepaid non-refundable fee due prior to training

**TIME:** 8:30 AM. – 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Pinellas County Health Department, 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room

**Oct**  
**16**

**Sept 15**  
&  
**Nov 3**

## DIRECTOR'S ORIENTATION FOR INFANT CARE

Is a three (3) hour training comprised of regulations pertaining specifically to infant care and best practices in caring for children from birth to 2 years of age. Participants will receive a training packet that includes a copy of the Infant Standards, required and sample forms, and brochures. This training is required for directors who plan to start an infant program. A certificate documenting three (3) hours of annual inservice training will be issued.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$25.00 Prepaid non-refundable fee due prior to training

**TIME:** 8:30 AM. – 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Pinellas County Health Department, 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo Florida, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room

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### Telephone registration will not be accepted.

To reserve your space in the desired training, submit the registration form with check or money order made payable to Pinellas County Health Department. If the training is full when your registration is received, you will be contacted.  
Seating is limited and child care is not available.

**Return the completed form and fee to: Child Care Licensing Program, 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33771**

**Call the CCLP office prior to the training dates if you need to reschedule in order to avoid repaying the registration fee.** Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations can call the CCLP office no later than two (2) weeks prior to the training.

## Children's Center Training Registration Form

Registration form and prepaid non-refundable fee due prior to training

☐ Record Keeping for Children's Centers \$40.00

☐ Director's Orientation for Infant Care \$25.00

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Center Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street, City, & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Training: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



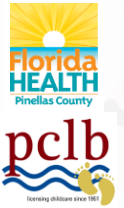
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## Bonnsu Recalls Miniware Teething Spoons Due to Choking Hazard



Bonnsu toll-free at 855-334-8129 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, email at [hello@miniware.com](mailto:hello@miniware.com), or online at [www.miniware.com](http://www.miniware.com) and click on "Recalls" located at the bottom of the page.

## Island Wear Recalls Strollers Due to Violation of Federal Stroller and Carriage Safety Standard; Fall and Choking Hazards:



Island Wear toll-free at 844-449-4144 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or email at [Islandwearoc@gmail.com](mailto:Islandwearoc@gmail.com)

## GloryBee Natural Sweeteners Recalls GloryBee Wintergreen Essential Oil Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirement; Risk of Poisoning

GloryBee toll-free at 888-240-4525 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, email at [Ad-  
am.Bertrand@GloryBee.com](mailto:Ad-<br/>am.Bertrand@GloryBee.com) and in the body of the email provide your name and address or online at [www.GloryBee.com](http://www.GloryBee.com) and click on "Recall - Important Safety Information" for more information



## Pranarom Recalls Wintergreen Essential Oils Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirements; Risk of Poisoning



Pranarom at 800-596-9658 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at [www.pranarom.us](http://www.pranarom.us) and click on Wintergreen Essential Oil Recall at the bottom of the

## Manhattan Toy Recalls 'Manhattan Ball' Activity Toys Due to Choking Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Target



Manhattan Toy at 800-541-1345 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Thursday, email at [help@manhattantoy.com](mailto:help@manhattantoy.com), online at [www.manhattantoy.com](http://www.manhattantoy.com) and click on 'Recall Information' for more information.

## A Better You! Recalls Belecoco Strollers Due to Violation of Federal Stroller and Carriage Safety Standard; Fall, Entrapment and Strangulation Hazards (Recall Alert)

A Better You! at 800-715-7302 or via email at [belecoorecall@gmail.com](mailto:belecoorecall@gmail.com) for more information.



## DownEast Outfitters Recalls Folding Mattresses Due to Violation of Federal Mattress Flammability Standard



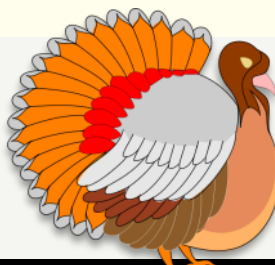
DownEast at 800-337-3076 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT, Monday through Friday, email at [recall-  
MOTG@deoinc.com](mailto:recall-<br/>MOTG@deoinc.com) or online at [www.downeastbasics.com](http://www.downeastbasics.com) and click on the "Recall Notice" tab for more information.

## 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/>

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## Creative Corner

Fun, educational activities kids LOVE

### LEAF PUPPETS

**M**ake a set of little fall friends to decorate or role-play with by attaching faux or real leaves and googly eyes to colored craft sticks.

Add stickers and other embellishments to give each puppet a unique character.



...or the children can design their own leaf people :)

[happyhomefairy.com](http://happyhomefairy.com)



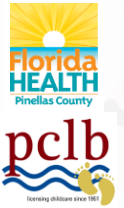
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### ***Mission***

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**

## ***Staff Spotlight***

# **Julie Oliver**



## **Homes Supervisor**

**I** have a long history in child care and education that began with 17 years as a Center Director. The next step in my career was working for the public school system and a few years later, Child Care Licensing. I have been with Licensing for 19 years, which really has flown by. My favorite thing about being the Homes Supervisor is the fulfillment I get from being able to help and support our providers.

I am a Clearwater native born and raised and part of a large Italian family that grew up having Sunday dinners at Nana's house. Largo High and USF are my alma matter. Travel is my hobby and I really want to do more of it in the future, but I must confess, I really enjoy relax-

ing while watching HGTV and the Hallmark Channel. I guess that means I am a couch potato.

I married my high school sweetheart 25 years after we graduated and we have been married for 18 years now. I also have three beautiful stepdaughters and one granddaughter.

I feel that the recipe to make a great Family Child Care Home Provider is a mixture of passion for nurturing and keeping children safe, organization, cleanliness, flexibility and loving to get on the floor and just play with the children!

***Julie***