

Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers & Family Child 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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To: Children's Center Owners/Directors

From: Faith Bornoff, Executive Director
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Date: December 22, 2025

Subject: Changes to Regulations

The Pinellas County License Board met on December 3, 2025, and approved the following increases to the regulations for Pinellas County all of which go into effect on January 15, 2026.

Increase 1:

X. APPLICATION, FEES, LICENSE **B. Fees**

1. The License Board is authorized to charge an application fee of **thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)** for each children's center for which a license is sought. All children's center application fees, **including application for license change**, are set at **\$35.00**.

How to maintain compliance: New, renewal and change applications received after January 15, 2026 will include an application fee of \$35.00.

Increase 2:

X. APPLICATION, FEES, LICENSE **B. Fees**

3. In addition to the application fee, each children's center will be charged a license fee of **\$110.00** plus \$1.00 per child based upon the license capacity of the children's center.

How to maintain compliance: New, renewal and change applications received after January 15, 2026 will include a license fee of \$110.00 plus \$100 per child based on the capacity of the children's center.



Increase 3:

X. APPLICATION, FEES, LICENSE

B. Fees

2. Each preliminary site inspection (non-mandatory) will cost **\$55.00**.

How to maintain compliance: Each Preliminary Inspection scheduled after January 15, 2026, will be charged \$55.00.

Increase 4:

X. APPLICATION, FEES, LICENSE

B. Fees

4. The cost for filing each petition for a variance or waiver **from a Pinellas County regulation is \$110.00 and the cost for filing each petition for a variance or waiver from a state regulation is \$125.00.**

How to maintain compliance: Each petition for a variance or waiver filed after January 15, 2026, will incur a cost of \$110.00 for a local regulation and \$125.00 for a state regulation.

Increase 5:

X. APPLICATION, FEES, LICENSE

B. Fees

6. **An annual fee of \$50.00 will be charged for verification of an exempt children's center.**

How to maintain compliance: Each exempt children's center will be charged \$50.00 annually for verification of exemption.

Increase 6:

X. APPLICATION, FEES, LICENSE

B. Fees

7. **A fee of \$25 for the second reinspection and \$50 for any additional reinspection necessary thereafter will be charged after a children's center has received a violation of a regulation. There is no fee for the first reinspection.**

How to maintain compliance: When a second reinspection is needed, a \$25 fee will be charged to the center. Thereafter, if any additional reinspection is needed the center will be charged \$50 per reinspection.



Increase 7:

X. APPLICATION, FEES, LICENSE

B. Fees

8. As of January 1, 2027, and January 1 of each year thereafter, all fees in these regulations will automatically increase by 3%.

How to maintain compliance: Beginning on January 1, 2027, and each year thereafter, all fees will automatically increase by 3%.

Additionally, the state regulations have changes as follows effective December 3, 2025.

Decrease 1:

VII. SAFETY, HEALTH AND SANITATION

B. First Aid, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation

2. By December 31, 2021, the children's center shall maintain the following number of child care personnel with the ~~CPR certification~~ and first aid training that are onsite at the children's center at all times children are in care. For child care personnel to count to meet requirement in the chart below, they shall be child care personnel assigned to provide direct supervision of children in care

Total number of child care personnel in direct supervision of children to meet staff to child operating ratios	Total minimum number of child care personnel with Pediatric CPR certification on site when children are present:	Total minimum number of child care personnel with first aid training on site when children are present
0-25	3	3
25-50	4	4
51-75	5	5
76-100	6	6
101+	7	7

Director, on site when children are present, with pediatric CPR certification and / or first aid training may qualify as one of the child care personnel for purposes of meeting the above requirements. Documentation of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification and first aid training must be kept on file and available for licensing to

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review. Child care personnel satisfying the certification and training requirements shall be present at all times that children are in care at the children's center, and at least one child care personnel with the CPR certification and first aid training on field trips which includes all activities away from the program, and during all transportation activities.

How to maintain compliance: The Children's Center must keep on file at the center, proof of first aid certification according to chart provided both at the center and on field trips anytime children are present. In addition, at least one person with CPR training, documented and on file for review, at the center and on any field trip at all times when children are present.

As always, we appreciate your dedication to providing safe and quality care for children. If you have any questions, or require further information, please feel free to call our office at (727) 507-4857.

Sincerely,
The Pinellas County License Board

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