

# 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

**Patsy Buker, Executive Director**  
**Elise Minkoff, Chairman**



Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

You have chosen to have your child cared for in a licensed Family Child Care Home where there is a swimming pool or spa. In order to become licensed, your caregiver had to meet the following safety regulations that are in effect any time that children are in care:

- ◆ Minimum 4' barrier surrounding the pool. A pool alarm is required when an exterior wall of the home has ingress and egress and the wall serves as one side of the required barrier.
- ◆ When required, the pool alarm must be operable at all times while children are in care.
- ◆ All doors and/or gates leading to the pool must be locked with locks that are not accessible to children.
- ◆ Spas must have a locked cover or be in an enclosed, locked room.
- ◆ The swimming pool or spa is off-limits to all children, including child care children, and the caregiver when child care children are present.
- ◆ If other household members or guests are in the pool enclosure during child care hours, all access to the pool must be locked.
- ◆ Wading pools may not be used. This applies to all Family Child Care Homes.

These regulations have been adopted to protect children. The Pinellas County License Board recommends that all Family Child Care Home providers discuss this information with parents/guardians. Please complete the form below to indicate that you are aware of the measures your caregiver has taken to assure the safety of your child and return it to your provider.

I understand the regulations governing pools and spas in family child care homes. My caregiver has shown me the safety features in her home that will help protect my child. If my caregiver is levied a fine by the License Board for violation of the pool/spa regulations, I understand that I will be notified by the provider.

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_