

**LICENSING REGULATIONS
GOVERNING
PINELLAS COUNTY
LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

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Standards contained within these regulations meet or exceed state child care law Chapter 402,
Sections 26-319, Florida Statutes and Chapter 65C-20, Florida Administrative Code.

CHAPTER 61-2681
(Amended by Chapters 70-893 and 2007-277)

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AN ACT DEFINING AND REGULATING CHILDREN'S CENTERS AND FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES IN PINELLAS COUNTY; REQUIRING THE PROCUREMENT OF LICENSES AND THE PAYMENT OF AN APPLICATION FEE FOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH CENTERS AND HOMES AND PROVIDING FOR THE GROUNDS AND THE PROCEDURE FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION THEREOF; CREATING PINELLAS COUNTY LICENSE BOARD FOR CHILDREN'S CENTERS AND FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES, AND PRESCRIBING ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS AND DUTIES; PRESCRIBING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH CENTERS AND HOMES AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AUTHORIZING TAX AND APPROPRIATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; REPEAL CHAPTER 57-1738, LAWS OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING A GRACE PERIOD.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Chapter 61-2681 became a law without the Governor's approval. Filed in Office Secretary of State June 22, 1961.

Chapter 70-893, amending the above became a law without the Governor's approval. Filed in Office Secretary of State June 21, 1970.

Ch 61. S.23.

It is declared to be the intent of the legislature that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this act is held invalid, the remainder of the act shall not be affected.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this act is to protect the health, safety, and mental development of children cared for in children's centers and family day care homes in Pinellas County as defined below.

DEFINITIONS

Ch 402.302(8)(a)(b)

3/6/06

Large Family Child Care Home – A large family child care home means a home that is licensed under Section 402.3131, F.S. and is an occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children with or without compensation from at least two (2) unrelated households and which has at least two (2) full-time child care personnel on the premises during the hours of operation. One (1) of the two (2) full-time child care personnel must be the operator or the operator's substitute. A large family child care home must first have operated as a licensed family child care home for two (2) consecutive years in Pinellas County with an operator who has had a child development associate credential or its equivalent for one (1) year, before seeking licensure as a large family child care home. A large family child care home shall be allowed to provide care for one of the following groups of children, which shall include those children under 13 years of age who are related to the caregiver:

- a maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age
- a maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children under 24 months of age

Ch 402.302(8)(a)(b)

3/6/06, 5/25/11

Large Family Child Care Home – A large family child care home for the purposes of this regulation means a home that is licensed under section 402.3131, F.S. A large family child care home means an occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children with or without compensation from at least two (2) unrelated households and which has at least two (2) full-time child care personnel on the premises during the hours of operation. One (1) of the two (2) full-time child care personnel must be the operator or the operator's substitute. A large family child care home must first have operated as a licensed family child care home for two (2) consecutive years, with an operator who has had a child development associate credential or its equivalent for one (1) year, before seeking licensure as a large family child care home. The two consecutive years of operation as a licensed family child care home must have been in the state of Florida and within five years of the date of application to operate a large family child care home. A large family child care home shall be allowed to provide care for one of the following groups of children, which shall include household preschool aged children whether present or not, and household school aged children under 13 years of age when on the premises of the large family child care home or on a field trip with children enrolled in care:

A) A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age

B) A maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children under 24 months of age

Large family child care homes must meet and comply with all standards of this regulation at all times unless there are insufficient numbers of children in care to meet the definition of a large family child care home in which case an additional employee is not required.

Ch 65C-20.013(1)(a)

A large family child care home, for the purposes of this rule, means a home that is licensed under Section 402.3131, F.S. A large family child care home must first have operated as a licensed family child care home for two consecutive years, with an operator who has had a child development associate credential or its equivalent for one year. The two consecutive years of operation as a licensed family child care home must have been within five years of the date of the application to operate a large family child care home.

- Ch 65C-20.013(1.)* Large family child care homes must meet and comply with all standards of this rule at all times unless there are insufficient numbers of children in care to meet the definition of a large family child care home in which case an additional employee is not required.
- 65C-20.013 5(a)1.* **Active** – Active means the status of a candidate’s awarded credential or certification in which requirements have been successfully met.
- 65C-20.013 5(a)2.* **Begin training for child care personnel** - Begin training for child care personnel means a candidate’s commencement of at least one (1) of the child care training courses listed in paragraph 65C-20.0013(5)(c), F.A.C. This may be accomplished by classroom attendance in a Department-approved training course, acquiring an educational exemption from a Department-approved training course, beginning a Department-approved online child care training course, or by receiving results from a Department-approved competency examination within the first 90 days of employment in any licensed Florida family child care home or large family child care home. The large family child care home is responsible for obtaining documentation from child care personnel.
- Ch 65C-22.003(1)(b)* **Child Development Associate (CDA)** - Child Development Associate (CDA) means a national credential, recognized throughout the United States and the world, issued by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C.
- Ch 65C-22.003(5)(a)3.* **Continuing Education Unit (CEU)** – Continuing Education Unit is a standard unit of measure of coursework used for training and credential purposes. The Department will accept CEU’s from education institutions accredited and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, or nationally affiliated state or local professional organization.
- 65C-20.013 5(a)4.* **Early Childhood Education** – Refers to coursework, certification, a credential or degree that specialized in children ages birth through eight (8).
- 65C-20.013 5(a)5.* **Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC)** – Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) , pursuant to Section 402.305(3)(b), F.S., certifies successful completion of a Department approved training program that consists of a minimum of 120 hours of early childhood instruction, 480 contact hours with children ages birth through eight (8) and at least two (2) methods of formal assessment that offers two (2) areas of certification; “Birth Through Five (formerly the department approved CDA Equivalency training programs)” and “School-Age (formerly the Florida School-Age Certification). Credentials must be documented on CF-FSP Form 5270, April 2006, Florida Child Care Professional Credential Certificate, which is incorporated by reference. A copy of CF-FSP Form 5270 may be obtained from the Department’s website at www.myflorida.com/childcare. Active credentials are valid for five years from the date of issuance. ” A list of approved and recognized FCCPC programs may be obtained on the Department of Children and Family Services’ website at www.myflorida.com/childcare.
- 65C-20.013 5(a)6.* **Florida Department of Education Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC)** - Florida Department of Education Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC) means a department approved child care credential that consists of a minimum of 120 hours of early childhood instruction and 480 contact hours with children ages birth through eight (8) and meets or exceeds the requirements outlined in Section 402.305(3)(c), F.S. A list of approved and recognized DOE programs may be obtained on the Department of Children and Family Services’ website at www.myflorida.com/childcare. Active credentials are valid for five years from the date of issuance. Credential renewal certificates must be documented on CF-FSP Form 5270, April 2006, Florida Child Care Professional Credential Certificate.

65C-20.013 5(a)7.

Florida Department of Education Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC) - Florida Department of Education Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC) means a department approved child care credential that consists of a minimum of 120 hours of early childhood instruction and 480 contact hours with children ages birth through eight (8) and meets or exceeds the requirements outlined in Section 402.305(3)(c), F.S. A list of approved and recognized DOE programs may be obtained on the Department of Children and Family Services' website at www.myflorida.com/childcare. Active credentials are valid for five years from the date of issuance. Credential renewal certificates must be documented on CF-FSP Form 5270, April 2006, Florida Child Care Professional Credential Certificate.

65C-20.013 5(a)8.

Florida Department of Education School-Age Professional Certificate (SAPC) - Florida Department of Education School-Age Professional Certificate (SAPC) means a department approved child care credential that consists of a minimum of 120 hours of early childhood instruction and 480 contact hours with school-age children and meets or exceeds the requirements outlined in Section 402.305(3)(c), F.S. A list of approved and recognized DOE programs may be obtained on the Department of Children and Family Services' website at www.myflorida.com/childcare. Active credentials are valid for five years from the date of issuance. Credential renewal certificates must be documented on CF-FSP Form 5270, April 2006, Florida Child Care Professional Credential Certificate.

Ch 65C-20.013(2)(a)

Full Time Employee - Full time employee means one additional staff person at least 18 years of age, who is on the premises of a home operating as a large family child care home.

65C-20.013 5(a)9.

High School Diploma, GED and/or College Degree – means a diploma or degree obtained from an institution accredited and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

High school diplomas issued by private schools that are registered with the Florida Department of Education will be accepted. If a high school diploma is earned outside the U.S., it must be translated by someone who is a member of the American Translators Association, an approved credential evaluation agency approved by the Bureau of Educators Certification, or an accredited college/university.

If a college degree is earned outside the U.S., it must be evaluated by an approved credential evaluation agency approved by the Bureau of Educators Certification of an accredited college/university to be equivalent to a U.S. degree.

Ch 65C-20.013(2)(b)

Hours of Operation - Hours of operation means the hours of the day or night that a large family child care home has enough children in care to meet the definition of a large family child care home.

65C-20.013 5(a)10.

Inactive - Inactive means to the status of a candidate's awarded credential or certification that is no longer active; however, remains eligible for renewal.

65C-20.013 5(a)11.

National Early Childhood Credential (NECC) - National Early Childhood Credential (NECC) pursuant to Section 402.305(3)(c), F.S., is an early childhood credential approved by the department and recognized by licensing authorities in at least five (5) states that incorporates 120 hours of early childhood instruction, 480 contact hours with children ages birth through eight (8) and includes at least two (2) methods of formal assessment. This includes the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential issued by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC. A list of approved and recognized NECC programs may be obtained on the Department of Children and Family Services' website at www.myflorida.com/childcare.

Ch 65C-20.013(2)(c)

Operator - Operator means the occupant and licensee of the large family child care home who is at least 21 years of age and responsible for the overall operation of the home.

65C-20.013 5(a)12.

Professional Contribution – Professional contribution demonstrates a dedication to early childhood or school-age education outside of the child care program responsibilities.

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State Approved CDA Equivalency (CDAE) - State approved CDA equivalency (CDAE) means a training program that has been approved by the Department of Children and Family Services as meeting or exceeding the criteria established for an equivalency program.

Ch 65C-20.0013(2)(d)
11/7/07

Substitutes for the Employee - Substitute for the employee means a competent adult, at least 18 years of age, who is available to take the place of the employee on a temporary or emergency basis. The substitute must meet screening and training requirements as set forth in these regulations.

65C-20.009(1)(b)

Training Transcript - Training Transcript means the electronic documentation of statutorily mandated training and staff credential qualifications for child care personnel. Training transcripts may be obtained on the Department of Children and Family Services' website at www.myflorida.com/childcare.

Ch 65C-20.009(1)(c)

Weighted score - Weighted score means a scaled score, rather than a percentage score, based on the difficulty of the exam and determined by competency exam professionals in consultation with subject matter experts.

65C-20.013 5(a)13.

Year of Experience – Year of experience is equivalent to a minimum of 1040 hours of paid and/or nonpaid documented work experience.

I. PERSONNEL

A. General Qualifications

Ch 65C-20.008(3)
2/7/07

1. An application will not be considered complete until the License Board receives proof of background screening clearance on the operator/applicant of the family day care home and all other household members, and substitutes who are subject to background screening. A screening conducted under this rule is valid for five (5) years, at which time a statewide re-screening must be conducted.

The 5-year re-screening must include, at a minimum, statewide criminal records checks through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and a local criminal records check.

Ch. 65C-20.013(4)(a)
4/1/09

For the employee and the substitute for the employee, the operator/applicant must within five (5) days of employment at the family day care home or large family child care home submit to the License Board office background screening information.

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Prior to background screening clearance, all employees while working with children must be under the observation and supervision of the operator or the operator's substitute.

- Ch. 65C-20.013(4)(b) Initial Screening information for the employee must be documented on CF-FSP Form 5131, March 2009, Background Screening and Personnel File Requirements, which is incorporated by reference. A copy of CF-FSP 5131 may be obtained from the Department's website at www.myflorida.com/childcare.
- 65C-20.013(4)(c) Rescreening information for the employee must be documented on CF-FSP Form 5131.
- 3/6/02 2. The operator and the home must meet the following requirements:
- 8/3/05 a. Must have been licensed as a family child care home in Pinellas County for two consecutive years.
- 3/6/02 b. Shall meet all of the requirements in *Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Family Day Care Homes*. An application for a large family child care home license will be considered as long as none of the following has occurred within the two (2) years prior to application:
- (1) placement on the Pinellas County License Board enforcement plan
 - (2) imposition of a Class I Administrative Fine
 - (3) a finding of overcapacity
- Ch 65C-20.013(1)(a) c. Must have had a Child Development Associate credential or its equivalent for one year.
- Ch 65C-20.009(2)(a) 3. The operator of a large family child care home may not work outside of the home or conduct a business from the home during the hours when the large family child care home is operating. Other child care staff may not work outside of the home or conduct a business while responsible for providing direct supervision to children in care. In the event of rental or leased property the operator shall be the individual who occupies the residence.
- 8/3/05

B. Training

- Ch 65C-20.013(5)(b) 1. Large Family Child Care Home Operators. In addition to the training requirements identified in B. Staff Training large family child care home operators must:
- Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)1. Possess an active Staff Credential Verification Confirmation documented on the Training Transcript. To apply for the staff credential verification, a candidate must complete CF-FSP Form 5211, March 2009, Florida Child Care Staff Credential Verification Application, which is incorporated by reference, and may be obtained from the Department's website at www.myflorida.com/childcare.

Operator must meet one (1) of the following credentials below for a minimum of one (1) year prior to initial Large Family Child Care Home licensure.

- An active National Early Childhood Credential (NECC);
- An active Birth Through Five or Child Care Credential awarded as a Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) (formerly known as the Child Development Associate Equivalency);
- An active Florida Department of Education Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC), or Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC);
- An active School-Age Child Care Credential awarded as a Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) or School-Age Professional Certificate (SAPC);
- Or meet the formal educational qualification requirement outlined on CF-FSP Form 5211, January 2008, Staff Credential Application, which is incorporated by reference.

An Employment History Recognition Exemption will not be accepted to meet the minimum staff credential requirements for Large Family Child Care Homes.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)1.a.

- a. A candidate must complete CF-FSP Form 5211, January 2008, Staff Credential Application.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)1.c.

- b. An Employment History Recognition Exemption and a School-Age (FCCPC) will not be accepted to meet the minimum staff credential requirements for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK).

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)1.d.

- c. Florida law requires that VPK instructional personnel possess an appropriate credential. If the Department identifies that a designated VPK teacher does not have an active credential, the Department will notify the local Early Learning Coalition or its designated representative.
- d. Credential Renewal Requirements.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)3.

Maintain an active staff credential, documented on the individual's Training Transcript. Inactive staff credentials may not be used to operate a large family child care home.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)3.a.

- (I) A National Early Childhood Credential must be renewed through the agency that awarded the credential. Once renewed, for licensing purposes, individuals must complete a CF-FSP form 5211, Florida Child Care Staff Credential Verification Application to have the individual's Training Transcript updated with renewed credential information.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)3.b.

- (II) To renew an active Birth Through Five or School-Age Child Care Credential, every five years a candidate must complete the renewal section of the CF-FSP Form 5211; if all criteria are met, the individual's Training Transcript will be updated with renewed credential information.

Renewal applications may be submitted by the candidate no earlier than one year prior to the end of the active period of the Birth Through Five or School-Age Child Care Credential. An individual with an inactive Birth Through Five or School-Age Child Care Credential may submit a renewal application, but while inactive, the credential shall not be used to operate a large family child care home. The application will be reviewed, and if approved, a certificate will be issued with a renewal date of five years from the date the renewal requirements are met.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)3.c.

A staff credential awarded for formal educational qualifications is always active and does not need to be renewed.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)2.

2. Within six (6) months of licensure, large family child care operators must successfully complete 10 clock-hours of specialized training from the Department of Children and Family Services' Part II training courses as evidenced by successful completion of a competency examination with a weighted score of 70 or better. These courses include:
 - a. Infant and Toddler Appropriate Practices (10 hours),
 - b. Preschool Appropriate Practices (10 hours),
 - c. School-Age Appropriate Practices (10 hours),
 - d. Special Needs Appropriate Practices (10 hours),
 - e. Basic Guidance and Discipline (5 hours online),
 - f. Early Literacy for Children Ages Birth Through Three (5 hours online),
 - g. Early Childhood Computer Learning Centers (5 hours online), or
 - h. Emergent Literacy for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Instructors (5 hours online).

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)2.b.

Child care operators have one opportunity, if they choose, to exempt from one or more of the Department's training courses prior to attending training by successful completion of corresponding competency examinations. If the Part II training course is only available online, exemption examinations are not available.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)2.c.

3. The Department of Children and Family Services or its designated representative shall exempt individuals from one or more of the Department's training courses with a:

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)2.c.(I)

- (a) B.A., B.S., or advanced degree in Early Childhood Education or Preschool Education from the Infant and Toddler Appropriate Practices course and Preschool Appropriate Practices course.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)2.c.(II)

- (b) B.A., B.S., or advanced degree in Elementary Education from the School-Age Appropriate Practices course.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(b)2.c.(III)

- (c) B.A., B.S., or advanced degree in Exceptional Student Education from the Special Needs Appropriate Practices course.

Ch. 65C-20.013(5)(c)

4. Large Family Child Care Home Substitutes are persons designated by the operator to care for children in the absence of the operator or an employee.

Substitutes for the operator must be at least 21 years of age.

Substitutes for the employee must be at least 18 years old.

- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(d)* Prior to taking care of children, substitutes for the operator and an employee who works more than 40 hours per month on average must meet the training requirements in paragraph 65C-009(3)(a), F.A.C.
- Substitutes for the employee who work less than 40 hours per month on average must meet the training requirements in paragraph 65C-20.009(3)(b) F.A.C.
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(c)* 5. Large Family Child Care Home Employees. Employees in a large family child care home shall be at least 18 years of age and must satisfy the following training requirements:
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(c)1.* a. Within 90 days of employment in a large family child care home, begin the Department of Children and Family Services' 30 clock-hour Family Child Care Home training. The training shall be successfully completed within 12 months from the date on which the training began, as evidenced by the successful completion of a competency examination offered by the Department of Children and Family Services or its designated representative with a weighted score of 70 or better, and may not exceed 15 months from the date of employment in the large family child care home.
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(c)1.* Documentation of course completion may either be a single Family Child Care Home (30 Hr) certificate of certificates for the five (5) individual training courses which total 30-clock-hours or training: Family Child Care Home Rules and Regulations; Health, Safety and Nutrition; Identifying and Reporting child Abuse and Neglect; Child Growth and Development; and Behavioral Observation and Screening.
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(d)(2.)* b. Training completed successfully will be documented on the training transcript.
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(b)(3)* Maintain active staff credential, documented on the individual's training transcript. Inactive credentials may not be used to operate a large family child care home.
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(c)(2)* 6. Within 12 months of date of employment in a large family child care home, complete a single course of training in early literacy and language development of children ages birth through five (5) years that is a minimum of five (5) clock-hours or .5 CEUs. Proof of completion will be documented on the certificate of course completion, classroom transcript, or diploma. In order to meet this requirement, employees must complete one (1) of the following:
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(c)(2)a.* a. One (1) of the department's online literacy courses available on the Department of Children and Family Services' website at www.myflorida.com/childcare; or
- Ch.65C-20.013(5)(c)(2)b.* b. One (1) of the department's approved literacy training courses. A list of these courses may be obtained from the licensing authority or the Department of Children and Family Services' website at www.myflorida.com/childcare (no additional courses will be approved by the department); or

Ch.65C-20.013(5)(c)(2)c.

- c. One (1) college level early literacy course (for credit or non-credit) if taken within the last five (5) years.

Ch 65C-20.013(6)(a)

10. Annual In-Service Training
All large family child care home operators and employees must complete a minimum of 10-clock hours of in-service training or 1 CEU, annually during the state's fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. These hours are in addition to required training such as CPR, first aid, and Child Care Water Safety Course or a current equivalent. Please refer to requirements in family child care homes.

Ch 65C-20.0139(6)(c)

11. Documentation of the in-service training must be recorded and maintained at the family day care home for each fiscal year.

In addition to maintaining the training documentation for the current fiscal year, the in-service training documentation for the previous two (2) fiscal years must also be maintained at the large family child care home for review by the License Board.

- a. College level courses that cover the above topics may also be counted to meet the annual in-service training requirement.

65C-20.013(6)(a)

- b. Large Family Child Care Home employees may apply the mandated 30-clock-hour Family Child Care Home training to meet the annual in-service training requirement during the first year of employment.

65C-20.013(6)(b)

- c. All employees continuously employed or hired prior to the last month of the provider's licensure year must complete the annual in-service training requirement. This includes any changes in employment from one program to another.

65C-20.013(6)(c)

- d. Employees continuously employed or hired prior to the last month of the provider's licensure year who do not complete the required annual in-service training during any given year must complete the remaining in-service training hours within 30 days of the noncompliance finding by the licensing authority. These hours cannot be used to meet the current year's in-service training requirements.

C. Supervision

Ch 402.302(8)(a)(b)

1. A large family child care home shall be allowed to provide care for one of the following groups of children, which shall include those children under 13 years of age who are related to the caregiver:
 - a. a maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age
 - b. a maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children under 24 months of age

Ch 65C-20.013(7)(a)

2. In a large family child care home direct supervision must be maintained at all times during the hours of operation. Direct supervision means watching and directing children's activities within the area designated as usable indoor floor space or outdoor play space and responding to each child's needs.

Ch 65C-20.013(7)(b)1.
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3. In addition to the number of staff required to meet staff to child ratios, if there are more than five (5) children participating on a field trip away from the large family child care home, there must be one (1) additional adult present on the field trip per each five (5) children, or any fraction thereof, to provide direct supervision to the children. Where some children remain in the home, the adult supervision shall be maintained and if more than 5 children are being cared for in total, both on the field trip and in the large family child care home, two child care personnel must be on the premises of the large family child care home. At no time shall the total number of children in attendance at any given time exceed the licensed capacity.

II. RECORDS

A. Facility Records

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(a)

1. Each age group or class must have a written and followed plan of scheduled activities posted in a place accessible to the parents. The written plan must meet the needs of the children being served and include scheduled activities which:

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(a)1.

- a. promote emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(a)2.

- b. include quiet and active play, both indoors and outdoors

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(a)3.

- c. include meals, snacks, and nap times, if appropriate for the age and the times the children are in care

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(b)

- d. Providers are encouraged to advise parents or legal guardians of their child's activities on a daily basis and to participate in the program's activities.

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(b)

2. A permission and transportation release form, signed by the parent or legal guardian of the children in care, must be on file for planned and unplanned activities.

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(b)2.

3. Emergency medical forms signed by the parent or legal guardian and emergency contact numbers must accompany the children on all field trips.

III. SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SANITATION

A. Emergency Procedures

Ch 65C-20.013(9)(b)1.

1. A telephone or other means of instant communication shall be available to the operator, employee, or other adult responsible for children during all field trips. Cellular phones, two way radio devices, citizen band radios, and other means of instant communication are acceptable.

Ch 65C-20.013(11)(d)2.

2. The large family child care home shall maintain and retain a written record of monthly fire drills as specified in family day care homes regulations.

Ch 65C-20.013(11)(d)1.

3. The operator shall prepare an emergency evacuation plan including a diagram of safe routes by which the operator, employee, and children may exit each area of the home in the event of fire or other emergency requiring evacuation. This plan shall be posted.

IV. PHYSICAL PLANT HOUSING LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Ch 65C-20.013(10)(a)

- A. Building** Large family child care homes shall conform to state standards adopted by the State Fire Marshall, Chapter 69A 4A-36 Florida Administrative Code, and Uniform Fire Safety Standards for Child Care Facilities and shall be inspected annually. A copy of the current and approval fire inspection report by a certified fire inspector must be on file with the Child Care Licensing Program.

B. Indoor Floor Space

Ch 65C-20.013(10)(b)1.

1. A large family child care home must have thirty-five (35) square feet of usable indoor floor space per child, which does not include bedrooms unless it can be demonstrated that these bedrooms are used as multipurpose activity rooms.

Ch 65C-20.013(10)(b)2.

2. Usable indoor floor space refers to that space available for indoor play and activities. Usable indoor floor space is calculated by measuring at floor level from interior walls and by deleting space for stairways, toilets and bath facilities, permanent fixtures, and non-moveable furniture. Kitchens, offices, laundry rooms, storage areas, hallways, and other areas not used in normal day-to-day operations are not included when calculating usable indoor floor space.

Ch 65C-20.013(10)(b)3.

3. Shelves or storage for toys and other materials shall be considered as usable indoor floor space if accessible to children.

Ch 65C-20.013(10)(b)4.

4. Where infants are in care, they shall have open indoor floor space outside of cribs and playpens.

C. Outdoor Play Space

Ch 65C-20.013(10)(c)1.
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1. Fencing, including gates, must be continuous and shall not have gaps that would allow children to exit the outdoor play area. The base of the fence must remain at ground level, free from erosion or buildup.

Ch. 65C-20.013(10)(c)(2)
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2. All family day care homes must have a minimum of fifty (50) square feet per child of usable outdoor play area located on the property and which is exclusively used for the children attending while in care or residing at the family day care home.

D. Equipment

- Ch 65C-20.013(10)(b)5.* 1. Large family child care homes shall make available toys, equipment, and furnishings of a quantity suitable for each child to be involved in activities.
- Ch 65C-20.013(10)(b)6.* 2. Toys must be safe and maintained in a sanitary condition, and shall be cleaned and sanitized or disinfected immediately if exposed to bodily fluids, such as saliva.
- Ch 65C-20.013(10)(b)5.* 3. All large family child care homes shall provide equipment and play activities suitable to each child's age and development.

V. TRANSPORTATION

Ch65C-20.013(8) In addition to the transportation requirements identified in Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Family Child Care Homes, a large family child care home must comply with the following:

- Ch65C-20.013(8)a* A. Driver's Log. A log shall be maintained for all children being transported in the vehicle. The log shall be retained for a minimum of six months.

The log shall include:

 - 1. Each child's name,
 - 2. Date,
 - 3. Time of departure and time of arrival,
 - 4. Signature of driver and signature of second staff member to verify driver's log and that all children have left the vehicle.
- Ch65C-20.013(8)b* B. Upon arrival at the destination, a second adult shall:

 - 1. Conduct a physical inspection and visual sweep of the vehicle to ensure that no child is left in the vehicle; and
 - 2. Sign, date and record the driver's log immediately, verifying that all children were accounted for and that the log is complete.
- Ch65C-20.013(8)c* C. When one staff member takes some children on a field trip and one staff member remains on the premises with the remainder of the children in care, the operator or employee transporting children is totally responsible for the care and supervision of those children and shall follow the transportation guidelines for a family child care home as defined in Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Family Child Care Homes.

Ch 65C-20.013(3)(a) **VII. APPLICATION, LICENSE, FEES**

- A. Application for a license or for renewal of a license to operate a large family child care home shall be made on the Child Care Licensing Program's Application to Operate a Large Family Child Care Home available on the Program's website at www.pclb.org. A License to operate a Large Family Child Care Home may be used to operate a Family Day Care Home, when the number of children in care meets the definition of a Family Day Care Home. A license to operate a Family Day Care Home cannot be used to operate a Large Family Child Care Home.

B. Fees.

1. The License Board is authorized to charge an application fee not in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each large family child care home for which a license is sought. All large family child care home application fees are set at \$25.00.
- 11/7/07 2. In addition to the application fee, each large family child care home will be charged a license fee of \$50.00.
- 11/7/07 3. Prior to issuance of a temporary permit or license, the applicant or provider must pay all unpaid fees and/or fines owed the License Board including but not limited to application and license fees; training and training materials fees; and copying fees.
- 9/11/09 4. Pursuant to Florida law, restitution for dishonored checks shall be made within 7 days of receiving notice from the Pinellas County Health Department. Restitution for the dishonored check and any fees shall be made by money order, cashiers check or cash. Unless paid in full within the time specified, the license shall be deemed null and void and immediately returned to the Child Care Licensing Program office.

The holder of such check may turn over the dishonored check and all other available information relating to the dishonored check to the States Attorney for criminal prosecution. Additionally, there may be criminal action for triple the amount of the check, but in no case less than \$50, together with the amount of the check, a service charge, court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and incurred bank fees, as provided in F.S. 68.065.

C. Annual Renewal of License.

- Ch 65C-20.008(1) 1. Family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes licensed under Licensing Regulations shall make application for renewal of his/her license on forms to be furnished by the License Board.
- 5/14/09 a. Approximately 90 days prior to the expiration of a license, the licensing program shall provide renewal application and forms to the provider addressing all licensing renewal requirements including background screening.
- Ch 65C-20.013(3)(b) b. A completed Child Care Licensing Program Application to Operate a Large Family Child Care Home for renewal of an annual license must be submitted to the licensing authority at least 45 days prior to the expiration date of the current license to ensure that a lapse of licensure does not occur. Failure to submit a completed renewal application at least 45 days prior to the expiration date of the current license constitutes a licensing violation as defined in paragraph 65C-20.012(3)(d), F.A.C. reprinted below.

Ch 65C-20.012(3)(d)

- c. Failure to submit a completed current F-0054 Application for License to Operate a Family Day Care Home or F-0054B Application for License to Operate a Large Family Child Care Home, forms incorporated by reference, at least 45 days prior to the expiration date of the current license constitutes a licensing violation. The Child Care Licensing Program shall issue an administrative complaint imposing a fine of \$50.00 for the first occurrence, \$100.00 for the second occurrence, and \$200.00 for each subsequent occurrence within a five year period.

Ch 65C-20.013(3)c.

- d. The Child Care Licensing Program's Application to Operate a Large Family Child Care Homes is not considered complete until the Child Care Licensing Program receives proof of background screening clearance on the operator of the large family child care home, substitutes, and on all other household members who are subject to background screening pursuant to Section 402.3131(2), F.S.

If screening clearances have not been received by the expiration date of the license, a renewal license will not be issued, the home will be closed, and the provider must reapply for a family day care home license.

VIII. ENFORCEMENT

Ch 65C-20.013(1)

- A. Large family child care homes shall meet all requirements in *Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Family Day Care Homes* in addition to the requirements listed herein.

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- B. Large Family Child Care Homes will be subject to the same policies and procedures found in Section XIII. ENFORCEMENT OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

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