

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



MEMORANDUM

To: Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes

From: Patsy Buker, Executive Director
Kathy Krause, Environmental Supervisor I

Date: June 29, 2011

Subject: Clarification and Decrease in Regulations

Child Care Licensing Program staff recommended clarifying one definition and decreasing one regulation at the June 27, 2011 PCLB Board Meeting. The PCLB approved both recommendations. The definition changes approved by the Board on June 27, 2011, are outlined below. The prior language is stricken and the new language is underlined.

~~**Family child care home**—A family child care home means an occupied place of residence of a family, person, or persons who regularly provide child care and training for children from at least two (2) unrelated households, with or without compensation, for no more than five (5) children at any given time under thirteen (13) years of age who are not related to such person or persons by blood, marriage, or adoption. This includes preschool household members whether present or not and children under 13 years who are in the operator's care and do not reside in the family child care home. Of those five (5) children, no more than three (3) of the five (5) children may be under two (2) years of age, or no more than three (3) of the five (5) children may be under 18 months of age if the provider has proof of completion of an approved training course. A family child care home shall provide child care for a period less than 24 hours per day per child.~~

~~When 3 children in care are under one year old, the provider may have no more than 6 children total including household children under 13 years old who are present.~~

~~When 2 children in care are under one year old, the provider may have no more than 10 children total including household children under 13 years old who are present.~~

Family Child Care Home: means an occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated households with or without compensation. A 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 family child care home or on a field trip with children enrolled in care.

- A) A maximum of 6 children, if no more than 3 are under 18 months of age
- B) A maximum of 6 preschool aged children, if no more than three are under 18 months of age, and all are older than 12 months of age
- C) A maximum of 10 children total, of which, a maximum of 8 children are in Child Care Status. Of the 10 total children, no more than five are preschool age, and of those five no more than three are under 18 months of age, and of those three, no more than two are under 12 months of age

~~**Large Family Child Care Home** – 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 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~~

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.

Implementation Date: July 1, 2011

An additional regulation approved by the Board for decrease is as follows:

IV. PHYSICAL PLANT HOUSING FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

G. Bathroom Facilities

~~1. Homes shall have at least one (1) toilet, one (1) bathtub and one (1) lavatory for hand washing purposes, provided no more than a total of eight (8) persons, including family of the operator, are using the bathroom facilities of the home.~~

1. Homes shall have at least one (1) toilet, one (1) bathtub/shower, and one (1) lavatory for hand washing purposes.

Implementation Date: July 1, 2011

The stricken regulations will be removed from *Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes* and the underlined language will be added. These regulations are available for review and/or download at our website, www.pclb.org. If you prefer, you can keep this memorandum with your current copy of regulations, and refer to it.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (727) 507-4857.