

STATE BOARD FOR CHILD CARE
BUREAU OF SERVICES FOR CHILD CARE
Division of Child and Family Services
Department of Human Resources
400 W. King Street #230
Carson City, Nevada 89703

NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATION

The Division of Child and Family Services, Bureau of Services for Child Care, Board for Child Care, 400 W. King Street, Carson City, NV 89703, is proposing the Amendment of Regulations pertaining to Chapter 432A of the Nevada Administrative Code. Three workshops have been scheduled:

July 27, 2006 - 9:30 A.M.
3920 Idaho Street, NHP Conference Room
Elko, NV 89801

August 3, 2006 - 9:30 A.M.
Professional Development Center
701 N. Rancho Drive, Training Room #4
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Following the Board for Child Care Public Hearing scheduled for August 9, 2006 - 9:30 A.M.
University of Nevada, Reno
1664 N. Virginia Street
Student Services, Room 219
Reno, NV 89557

The purpose of the workshops is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics addressed in the proposed regulations:

1. Defining educational, shelter child care and residential child care institutions;
2. Defining extended care accommodation facility;
3. Defining age group categories;
4. Defining assistant teacher;
5. Changing caretaker to caregiver;
6. Including and defining what is developmentally appropriate within child care center definition;
7. Defining continuing professional development and professional development plan;
8. Defining core knowledge areas;
9. Defining early care and education and early care and education program;
10. Defining early care and education career ladder;
11. Clarifying definition of a director;
12. Defining emergency substitute care;
13. Defining group and group size;
14. Defining initial training;
15. Defining The Nevada Registry;
16. Defining non-caregiver;
17. Clarifying definition of nursery for infants and toddlers;
18. Defining orientation;
19. Defining ratio;
20. Defining defined space;

21. Defining special event care;
22. Defining staff member;
23. Defining student intern;
24. Defining substitute care;
25. Defining supervision of children;
26. Defining teacher;
27. Defining volunteer;
28. Defining wading activity;
29. Clarifying inspections completed by licensing agency other than mandatory two visits per year requirement;
30. Requiring partial investigation on applicants/employees who are 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age;
31. Requiring partial investigation on volunteers and all applicants/employees every two years;
32. Allowing facilities licensed by the military to also hold a license from another child care licensing agencies;
33. Clarifying current license must be posted in a public place in facility;
34. Requiring late fees for late reapplications;
35. Requiring specific room temperatures, no electrical apparatus near water sources, protecting children from heating units, prevent certain wild and dangerous animals, restrict storage of weapons, require immunization and care of household pets, and provide shade area;
36. Require development of evacuation plans for children with disabilities;
37. Clarify insurance coverage requirements, child:staff ratios when transporting children, maintaining logs in vehicles, and conducting physical inspection of vehicles;
38. Requiring a director for accommodation facilities and clarifying requirements for director;
39. Requiring back-up for director when not available in facility, requiring director provide a written development plan for each caregiver, maintaining organized files for each employee, and ensuring non-caregiver have appropriate training;
40. Changing "agency designated by the Director of the Department" to The Nevada Registry and clarify volunteers or staff members under 18 years of age may not be left alone or provide direct care to children;
41. Requiring all caregivers complete training for the recognition of signs and symptoms of illness and first aid;
42. Clarifying the requirements for orientation and redefining volunteer is a person who works 5 hours not 20 hours a week;
43. Requiring at least one staff member obtain CPR training for every building, on field trips, while transporting children rather than all or each person employed in a child care facility, and recognize other CPR training programs;
44. Clarifying initial training requirements by requiring specific number of hours of training in specific areas;
45. Clarifying 15 hours of continuing professional development;
46. Prohibiting smoking, chewing tobacco, use of illegal drugs at all times;
47. Requiring caregiver prepare, serve and store snacks and meals following the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and specifying number of snacks and meals based upon number of hours child is in facility;
48. Providing guidelines on preparing bottles and sanitizing warming pots;
49. Clarifying requirements for disposing of diapers and disinfecting utility sink for cleaning potty chair;
50. Requiring staff wash hands after giving medications and cleaning or handling garbage and requiring children wash hands after changing of diaper, playing in water and sandboxes;
51. Clarifying professional carpet cleaning may not be required if facility cleans own carpets;
52. Requiring adequate supply of toys in good condition and repairing or replacing broken/missing parts on toys;
53. Clarifying proper supervision requirements during nap times, placing infants under 12 months on back for sleep, and prohibiting pillows, soft surfaces for infant sleeping equipment;
54. Including infant/toddler director qualification under center director qualifications;
55. Requiring all child care facilities meet current preschool standards;
56. Providing requirements for special event facilities;
57. Providing requirements for extended care accommodation facilities;
58. Clarifying institution licensee may contract with guardian or custodian not just parent of child;
59. Deleting social worker requirement from institutional requirements;
60. Requiring written policy on daily chores and merit system and procedures for restraints/isolation for institutional care;
61. Revising immunization requirements in following current Health Department requirements;
62. Revising child:staff ratios to include group size and mixed age ratios;

63. Revising child:staff ratios for child care institutions to include requirements for both day and night hours for all three types of institutions (shelter care; educational; and residential);
64. Requiring child:staff ratios for swimming and wading activities;
65. Revising child:staff ratios for family and group homes;
66. Clarifying additional children outside normal school hours and increasing age of children from 10 years to 11 years;
67. Clarifying hand washing and diapering requirements for facilities that provide care for ill children;
68. Clarifying storage of medications and training for staff who administer drugs through a G-Tube, injection or oral inhalation for facilities that provide care for ill children;
69. Clarifying requirements for personnel files;
70. Considering exemption of certain facilities from licensing requirements.

Copies of the proposed regulation will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

This Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

Division of Child and Family Services: 711 E. Fifth St., Carson City NV 89701; 1677 Old Hot Springs Rd. Bldg. B, Carson City NV 89706; 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy. Bldg. B, Suite 300, Las Vegas NV 89119; 3920 E. Idaho St., Elko NV 89801; 145 E. 2nd Street Battle Mountain, NV 89820; 740 Park Avenue, Ely NV 89301; 1735 Kaiser St., Fallon NV 89406; 1000 C St., Hawthorne NV 89415; 535 Western Ave., Lovelock NV 89419; 100 Frankie St., Tonopah NV 89049; 475 W. Haskell, #7, Winnemucca, NV 89446; 14 Pacific Street, Yerington NV 89447; 2280 Calvada Blvd., Suite 302, Pahrump, NV 89048.

Nevada State Library: 100 Stewart St., Carson City NV 89701

Washoe County Social Services: 350 South Center Street, Suite 200, Reno NV 89520

Clark County Social Services: 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 3rd Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1810

City of Las Vegas, Dept. of Finance and Business Services: 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas NV 89101

County Libraries: Battle Mountain Branch Library, 625 Broad St., Battle Mountain NV 89820; Douglas County Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden NV 89423; Esmeralda County Library, Fourth and Crook St., Goldfield NV 89013; Eureka Branch Library, 210 South Monroe St., Eureka NV 89316; Lincoln County Library, 93 Main St., Pioche NV 89043; Storey County Library, 95 South R St., Virginia City NV 89440.

Note: Disabled members of the public who require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Paula Hawkins in writing at 400 W. King St., Carson City, NV 89703 or by calling (775) 684-4439 no later than July 24, 2006.

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