



Child Care Bureau's Pathways and Partnerships Resources

Health and Safety, Including Licensing

Working parents need high-quality child care choices for children of every age and in every setting to raise healthy, happy, and successful children. Child Care Bureau (CCB) technical assistance resources are designed to help States, Territories, and Tribes increase access to high-quality child care choices. This resource list focuses on one or more of CCB's Pathways and Partnerships to Excellence in Child Care:

- Pathways to higher standards through child care licensing and quality rating and improvement systems
- Pathways to a highly qualified workforce through professional development
- Partnerships for cross-sector early childhood and school-age care systems
- Pathways to stronger accountability and program integrity in child care.

Child Care Licensing Overview

2008 Child Care Licensing Study

This study will denote State licensing regulations and policies and will include State profiles on licensing systems (available soon).

Available at <http://www.naralicensing.org/index.cfm>.
For more information, contact Sheri Azer Fischer at sfischer@nccic.org.

2007 Child Care Licensing Study

This summary of State licensing regulations and policies includes State profiles on licensing systems.

Available at <http://www.naralicensing.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=160>.
For more information, contact Sheri Azer Fischer at sfischer@nccic.org.

Developmental Screening in Early Childhood Systems

This synopsis of a meeting held in March 2009 describes the successes and barriers several States have faced in their approach to statewide developmental screening implementation.

Available at <http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/dsecsreport.pdf>.

For more information, contact childcare@aap.org.

Research and Standards on Child-Staff Ratios and Group Size

These excerpts from three publications summarize the research on child-staff ratios and group size that States often use to develop licensing requirements and other program standards.

Available on request.

For more information, contact Rose Ribeiro at rribeiro@nccic.org.

Medication Administration in Early and School-Age Care and Education

This resource provides information on States requiring child care staff members to take part in specialized training for the administration of medication to children in their care and also provides additional resources.

Available on request.

For more information, contact Rose Ribeiro at rribeiro@nccic.org.

State Regulatory Language About Nonexpiring Child Care Center Licenses

Twelve States offer nonexpiring licenses for child care centers. This resource provides examples of regulatory language from a sample of those States.

Available on request.

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Infant/Toddler

Limits on Infants and Toddlers in Large/Group Family Child Care Homes

This document denotes State licensing requirements for the maximum number of infants and/or toddlers allowed in large/group family child care homes.

Available on request.

For more information, contact Rose Ribeiro at rribeiro@nccic.org.

A Parents' Guide to Safe Sleep

This flyer describes infant sleep positioning and practices and ways that parents can work with child care providers to ensure that safe-sleep practices are used in all child care settings and at home (revised 2008).

Available at <http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/sidsparentsafesleep.pdf>.

For more information contact childcare@aap.org.

A Parents' Guide to Safe Sleep (Spanish Version)

Available at <http://www.sidscenter.org/documents/SIDRC/ParentsGuideSleep.pdf>.

For more information contact childcare@aap.org.

A Child Care Provider's Guide to Safe Sleep

This easy-to-read brochure provides child care providers with information on ways to promote safe-sleep practices and to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) (revised 2008).

Available at <http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/sidschildcaresafesleep.pdf>.

For more information, contact childcare@aap.org.

A Child Care Provider's Guide to Safe Sleep (Spanish Version)

Available at <http://www.sidscenter.org/documents/SIDRC/ChildCareProvSleep.pdf>.

Tummy Time

This document provides information about the importance of supervised tummy time and the ways it promotes healthy development (revised 2008).

Available at <http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/sidstummytime.pdf>.

For more information, contact childcare@aap.org.

Tummy Time (Spanish Version)

Available at <http://www.sidscenter.org/documents/SIDRC/sidstummytimetrifold.pdf>.

Back to Sleep for Babies in Foster Care: Every Time With Every Caregiver

This resource provides information to all caregivers involved in a baby's care to educate them about safe sleep as well as a pledge to follow proper safe-sleep practices.

Available at http://www.aap.org/fostercare/PDFs/HFCA_SIDS.pdf.

For more information, contact childcare@aap.org.

Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Child Care Speaker's Kit

The information in this kit can be used by health care professionals, child care health consultants, or child care educators to teach about SIDS in child care.

Available at <http://www.healthychildcare.org/sids.html>.

For more information, contact childcare@aap.org.

Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Child Care

Based on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Speaker's Kit (see above), this free 1-hour course has an easy-to-use format to educate all those caring for babies in creating a safe-sleep environment to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related deaths. This module is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week from your home computer. Child care providers will receive a certificate of completion for 1.0 contact hour; however, this module may not meet State SIDS in-service requirements.

Available at <http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/sidsmoduleflyerinstructions.pdf>.

For more information, contact childcare@aap.org.

School-Age

Overview: Summer and Day Camp Regulations in State Child Care Licensing

This resource provides information on summer camp regulations in State licensing.

Available on request.

For more information, contact Soumya Bhat at sbhat@financeproject.org.

Overview of School-Age Licensing: Key Issues and Selected Examples of State School-Age Licensing Regulations

This memo provides information on key issues affecting school-age care in licensing regulations.

Available at http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/afterschool/school_age_licensing.html.

For more information, contact Soumya Bhat at sbhat@financeproject.org.

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Peer-to-Peer Discussions: School-Age Care Licensing and Quality Standards

In this report from January 2009, West Virginia stakeholders met with child care licensing staff members from Colorado, Delaware, Oklahoma, and South Dakota to discuss their experiences developing school-age care licensing regulations and quality standards that exceed licensing.

Available at <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/afterschool/peertopeersummary.pdf>.

For more information, contact Soumya Bhat at sbhat@financeproject.org.

Challenges and Strategies of Licensing School-Age Care

This document provides information on the challenges that States face in licensing school-age care and discusses solutions, such as adapting licensing regulations to be more applicable to school-age programs.

Available at <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/afterschool/challenges.pdf>.

For more information, contact Soumya Bhat at sbhat@financeproject.org.

State Child Care Licensing Exemptions Relevant to Afterschool Programs

This resource provides a breakdown of each State's licensing exemptions.

Available at <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/afterschool/exemptions.pdf>.

For more information, contact Soumya Bhat at sbhat@financeproject.org.

Quick Facts on School-Age Care: Trends in Licensing Regulations

This document offers a one-page overview of State policy trends in licensing regulations for school-age care, including a map showing which States have separate or stand-alone school-age licensing requirements.

Available at http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/afterschool/licensing_trends.html.

For more information, contact Soumya Bhat at sbhat@financeproject.org.

Nutrition/Obesity Prevention Federal Child Nutrition Funds Supporting School-Age Programs

This document provides an overview of three Federal nutrition programs that support afterschool programs: (1) Child and Adult Food Care Program, (2) National School Lunch Program, and (3) Summer Food Service Program.

Available at http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/afterschool/fed_nutrition_funds.html.

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Special Needs

State Child Care Center Regulations for the Care of Children With Special Needs

This document is a summary of the types of child care licensing regulations that States have for the care of children with special needs and provides excerpts from State regulations.

Available on request.

For more information, contact Rose Ribeiro at rribeiro@nccic.org.

Emergency and Disaster Planning

Emergency Preparedness Planning for State Child Care Licensing Administrators

This product provides information on the role of licensing agencies in emergency preparedness and response and the regulatory issues involved. Resources and examples of how some States have addressed these issues also are included.

Available on request.

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Child Care Resources for Disasters and Emergencies

Child care can be critical to protecting children's safety and supporting family stability after a disaster. This CCB site provides links to disaster planning and to response and recovery resources for Child Care and Development Fund grantees, child care providers, and parents.

Available at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/initiatives/emergency/index.htm>.

For more information, contact the Child Care Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at (202) 690-6782.



Child Care Bureau About the Child Care Bureau

The Child Care Bureau (CCB) administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program, a multibillion-dollar Federal and State partnership to support access to high-quality child care for working families. CCB helps States, Territories, and Tribes administer their CCDF programs through policy guidance, program support, technical assistance, and research.