

Department of Early Learning
Comments from the Negotiated Rule Making Meeting
In Pasco on January 6, 2007

DIVERSITY

When hiring culturally diverse people they not come from a hierarchy of that culture or bring that bias with them-don't judge me but use facts when making decisions about my quality of care.

EDUCATION

MORE education!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Educate providers: before issuing a license.

Recognize the level of experience/training of providers in setting standards, # & length of licenser visits, etc.

I would like to address the importance of teaching children: consequences, to value living things (animal husbandry), and to value civic responsibility.

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Separate area for dogs to relieve themselves-fenced

To make chemicals "impossible" to reach is impossible. Please remember that these are homes and our own children need to be able to access things like auto dish soap for chores, latches and supervision may be enough.

Sleeping blankets to be "not touching" each other

Changing ruling on mats & sheet covers that cost us money. Kids can sleep anywhere 1"mat or 2", with cover or with out

Diapers changing have to wait 15m. until you can change the next one. What if you have 6 & 3 need at same time?

No more flexible about 18 mo. to 2 yrs of age-either put in 2 - 11 yrs. group or allow a 7th child 18 mo. -11 yrs. to come enroll.

No worry about beauty bark/gravel under swings/climbers. This is a home.

These are our homes and they should be treated as such! It is not an institution!

Cleaning supplies should not be limited to bleach! As long as it meets OSHA homes don't always use bleach.

Search only daycare area! Not the home!

We need specific, consistent clarification of outdoor play equipment regulations.

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INFORMATION

I need my information in Spanish only. By e-mail or snail mail or by request.

When new information comes out providers should be informed of change before being written up for deficiency.

That all the information comes in Spanish-all information be sent through the mail and everything is clear and well explained to understand better. **(SP)**

That all notices be sent through regular mail because some providers do not know how to use the computer and because the major part of our day is dedicated to the attention of the children we care for. **(SP)**

That all the information come in Spanish. **(SP)**

All information be sent through the mail because not all of us have computers. **(SP)**

I would like information in Spanish because I can understand it better. **(SP)**

LICENSING-ADVERSE ACTION

A board of 7-10 people from providers, DEL or whatever will hear and follow if a provider should be closed down. No longer DEL licensors or the ALJ.

We as providers should be given our rights just like everyone else has.

LICENSE PROCESS CHANGE

Provider is licensed; keep the license when we move to a different house....or work with other provider...in a different house

The license that we have now, should not be renewed

Providers should be licensed for life with scheduled "support visits"

License renewal to be every 7 yrs. Instead of every 3 yrs

Only one time to be license; take away 3 years-no more.

We need a perpetual license.

Move toward lifetime license with just a reorientation to update information.

LICENSE PROCESS CHANGE, continued

Give license only one time without renewing.

Licensed once-for life-no renewal process STARS still required regular visits

Licensing renewal every 10 years instead of every 3 years; saves the taxpayers money and lightens load of licensors.

Apply for a family home child care license only one time-take away re-new every 3 years.

Licensed home + licensed provider; license can go with the provider (to sub or help out in another licensed home)

Other change that I think would be good-once the license is given it doesn't expire. **(SP)**

Once a license is given that no monitoring visits made **(SP)**

The license not be cancelled if have to leave on emergency or vacation, because you have to do the process all over again when you return. **(SP)**

It is my opinion that the license should be given only once. **(SP)**

That when it is time to renew our license-that it not be renewed for 3 yrs but it be renewed for 5 or more because everything is the same. **(SP)**

The renewal and initial are not handled the same-feel they should be. **(SP)**

It is my opinion that we should be visited during one period once a year. **(SP)**

That the license does not expire **(SP)**

That we be licensed only once because in the end we are doing the same thing as the first time. **(SP)**

It is my opinion that the license be permanent and not be renewed in three years. **(SP)**

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LICENSE PROCESS CHANGE, continued

That the babies be considered babies up to 18 months because it opens doors for newborn babies, because they have fewer opportunities for providers to care for them; because providers can only care for 2 babies and they are the ones that need more attention because they are so small. **(SP)**

License renewal be more practical and only once. **(SP)**

OPINION & CONCERNS

I need to know all licensors are translating the WAC's the same.

Be specific when a licensor comes in a visit and comments on the findings-good or bad.

Praise would be allowed.

Licensors assumptions are the law.

The form & structure of DEL on the field are never to help or provide support.

Licensor "way" to apply and interpret the WAC

The monitoring licensors need to be respectful, friendly and helpful, when they come to our homes, for checkups.

Support child care providers in consultations& education towards WAC.

Not to call licensors for every little whim.

Not to contact CPS when a child is hurt (minor).

Issue will having file and attendance for our own children

Background checks every year!

Consistency

For the treatment of providers, that they will be equal to every single one with no exceptions.

Intimidation of licensor

Have licensors make appointments with you when they need to come by.

Do something about 4-5 hour drop in visits

That the licensor shows more respect to the provider. It's easier to handle through the mail. **(SP)**

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That the licensors have more respect with the providers. **(SP)**

What I would like and what I would desire the woman (licensor) only visits once and that she checks my house no more that the first time. **(SP)**

To maintain the right of the legal process (due process) **(SP)**

One would be better pay & the license would be permanent & the licensor treats us with respect & no criticizing. **(SP)**

Take into account the different lifestyles & work of each county, state & city, and that no generalization over one person or temporary work. For example-only works manual labor. **(SP)**

That those of the committee never attend. Because the licensors are so strict. We need the personnel to be better and more sincere. **(SP)**

That the licensors show applicable laws to deny, revoke or suspend the license. **(SP)**

I would like to see when a house is going to be remodeled that the licensor and we have everything in order and a new licensor doesn't like how you have arranged your day care and wants to change other things that cost money. **(SP)**

That all the licensors that visit the homes have the same language and are clear with the laws **(SP)**

It is my opinion that providers be valued more for our work. **(SP)**

Help from the licensors for the providers when we are going to renew and to give good points rather than cues. **(SP)**

Thank you for giving us your time for the opportunity to give our opinion. **(SP)**

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Treat us with knowledge and be sure of what they ask of us. **(SP)**

PARENT CONCERNS

I as a parent should not have to sign my full name when I drop off my child-my initials should be enough. I agree I should have to sign in but doesn't necessarily need to be my full signature.

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PARENT CONCERNS, continued

Parents should have rights. They should have opinions; listened to!

Parents that are private paid should have their rights to quality-safe care, but not all the rules.

Parents should have their rights.

That you give training to the parents because we battle more with them than with their children **(SP)**

RCW

Increase capacity to more than 12 if facility is large enough.

REIMBURSEMENT CONCERNS

For a better payment for providers

As time goes by from now & in the future to receive a better pay (Raises)

A better payment for the providers

For a better payment for providers

That they give us the bonus for infants **(SP)**

That they consider all the real work that the provider does when they consider rates and payments **(SP)**

That they continue increasing payment to the providers **(SP)**

That extra money is paid to us for administrative services we lend; that we pay for like a secretary. **(SP)**

That the baby bonus be returned to us. Our work be validated-that we be given a better salary. **(SP)**

It is my opinion that we be given an increase in rates once a year. **(SP)**

That they return the baby bonus-better salaries **(SP)**

I would like to see change made that the children of the provider don't count or that subsidy given as if they were clients. **(SP)**

REPORTING COMPLAINTS

To not have to report to CPS when a child is accidentally hurt on our childcare facility property

When complaints are made the person needs to reveal his or her name. They need to be responsible too.

STAFF

Traveling qualified assistant to replace provider when needing to be absent from business instead of doing background checks on the same person over & over.

WAC

Low health insurance for providers and their families

Take **must** out of WAC

The intent of the WAC written clearly on each WAC

WAC should contain the intent of the regulation.

WAC should be based on real health & safety issues and problems...not single incidents that scare people.

Intent of WAC should be part of the written WAC.

Please make sure licensing checklists match the WAC's.

Common sense WAC's more clarity.

Change full signature (sign-in/out) to legal or not parent signature

No requirement of informing dept. of persons no longer living in the home

That the rules have good understanding (well translated) and clear.

That the WAC's don't contradict one another. (For example 1 WAC will say something and later on will say another).

Common sense rules

When there is a change in a WAC (thickness of sleep mats) that have a monetary impact for provider, time should be allowed to afford the change or to allow the change to be made when current ones were out.

WAC, continued

I would like to keep perspective regarding safety and human nature to take risks. Children should be encouraged to explore. We should not put them in a sterile bubble.

Make WAC's physically able to follow. i.e., All children need to be in visual & audible range. How do you use the bathroom? Take a child to the bathroom?

When an ER WAC is implemented or needed NRM team involved as well in this process and all providers statewide are notified STAT!

I would like the WAC on choking hazard issues looked at so that the need to keep infants safe doesn't supersede the needs of the preschoolers to have learning tools. Remember supervision please.

Redefine inaccessible. We need age appropriate term. Children need to learn how to use tooth paste and respect household materials.

Once something is accepted as an acceptable area for fire extinguisher it should be permanent.

Less subjectiveness by licensors on the WAC's clearly, concise WAC's with less punitive actions for noncompliance.

Reduce as much "busy work" for providers i.e. medicine permission from parents and safety "overkill" requirements i.e. magnetic locks, slightly undersized escape windows or fences.

Have a group of providers to help or going thru the WAC's to make sure they are translated the right way Spanish).

Laws that are easier to understand in the WAC & overall more reasonable **(SP)**

One change that I would like is that the WAC is not like 55, but like Oregon 19. **(SP)**

That our children not count toward capacity-that they be kept apart **(SP)**

When the licensor checks in the house that it is based on the WAC and not on illogical opinion **(SP)**

I would like to see that the WAC's be changed **(SP)**

WAC, continued

To change the WAC's to be more positive **(SP)**

To revise the laws so they don't violate the constitutional rights of the provider & parents. **(SP)**

That the new regulations don't affect our business **(SP)**

That the WAC's be clear and easy to understand **(SP)**

Common sense WAC's-more practical **(SP)**

WEIGHTED WAC

Weigh the WAC's as to importance in maintaining a quality child care program.

Weighted WAC's

Weighted WAC's-WAC's need to be weighted according to the safety of children; compliance reports that reflect this.

I hope that all WAC's will be considered important enough to be given full weight. (However, we certainly cannot be too concerned with child safety.)

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