



IDAHO CHILD CARE LICENSING

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
Provider and Stakeholder Meetings - May 2019



Objectives

1. Share child care updates since our last statewide tour
2. Discuss the future of Child Care in Idaho
3. Gather your feedback, comments, and questions
4. Share our next steps



Introduction

Our purpose:

Promote and Protect the
Health and Safety of Idaho's
youngest citizens





Since we last visited...

Changes for **ICCP** families:

- Updated notices
- Current Local Market Rates (updated in 2016 and 2019)
- New Family Friendly Policies:
 - 12 month certification periods
 - Qualifying Activity protection for 3 months (job loss rule)
 - Phase out payments for families who go over income



Since we last visited...

Changes for ICCP providers:

- Safe sleep practices
- Emergency preparation plans (YIKES)
- 12 hours of professional development
- Updated background check requirements (all providers)
- Development of RISE system for providers



Licensing Laws Required Updates

- **Pediatric CPR / Pediatric First Aid**
 - For every staff person
- **Background checks and fingerprints**
 - Comprehensive check every 5 years
- **Consumer Education**
 - IdahoChildCareCheck.org and aggregate counts

The City of Caldwell is making a difference

- The city of Caldwell requires a State license be obtained regardless of the number of children in care





Inquiry

- What policies will **you** support in strengthening child care licensing laws for Idaho?
- Areas to increase standards:
 - Provider training hours
 - Emergency prep plan
 - Annual inspections
 - Safe sleep
 - Transportation





Small Group Discussions

- Please have someone take notes on the big post-its.
 - How does this rule support children?
 - What worries you about this rule?
 - Other feedback?
- Standards to address:
 - Provider training hours
 - Emergency prep plan
 - Annual inspections
 - Safe sleep
 - Transportation



What's next

- State Tour May 2019
- Minutes posted on ICCP webpage June 2019
- Follow up survey to providers June 2019
- Policy summary drafted July 2019
- Public Comment Period TBD
- Legislative Session Begins January 2020



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Thank You!



Meeting Summary

Idaho State Daycare Licensing – Public Meetings

Region 3- IDHW Caldwell Office- 3402 Franklin Rd, Caldwell, ID 83605

Thursday, May 23, 2019 - 6:30 - 8:00pm (Local Time)

Attendance:

Ericka Rupp – Program Manager – Idaho Child Care Program – Dept. of Health and Welfare
Aubrie Hunt – Program Specialist – Idaho Child Care Program – Dept. of Health and Welfare
Marilyn Peoples – Program Specialist – Idaho Child Care Program – Dept. of Health and Welfare
Allison Demarest-Mays – Program Specialist – Idaho Child Care Program – Dept. of Health and Welfare
IdahoSTARS staff- Maria Perez

26 Local stakeholders on the sign-in sheets. Sign-in sheets are available if a list of attendees is needed.

Meeting Agenda:

Aubrie Hunt spent the first 25 minutes sharing the attached presentation.
Attendees were split into five small groups and asked to rotate between each topic presented.
Small groups spent 10 minutes on each topic, with someone recording their comments and feedback on large posters.

Each poster asked the following questions:

- *How does this support children?*
- *What worries you about this change?*
- *Any feedback you have on this topic?*

The meeting reconvened for the last 5 minutes to share the “next steps” slide, contact information and to thank everyone for their attendance and participation.

Participant Feedback by Topic

Emergency Preparedness-

- **How does this support children?**
 - *Prepares staff for what to do in case of an emergency.*
 - *Keep providers accountable.*
 - *Gives parents peace of mind. Brings comfort to providers.*
 - *Helps children and teachers to be educated and not afraid.*
 - *Keeps kids safe.*
 - *Quicker resources.*
 - *Supports the facility's community for preparedness.*

- **What worries you about this change?**
 - *Evacuations can be dangerous during an emergency re: sexual offenders.*
 - *The amount of supplies that need to be stored is concerning.*
 - *Current requirements for YIKES plan may be excessive for this area or situation.*
 - *Cost to provider.*
 - *Communication is lacking from authorities.*
- **Any feedback you have on this topic?**
 - *Steps to quality requires this for those participating.*
 - *Needs to be done. It's good for all to be aware of what to do in case of emergencies.*
 - *We would like a live training with other providers re emergency prep. Supported highly.*
 - *Varies a lot by location. Important to know your surroundings.*
 - *We need active shooter/intruder trainings.*

Transportation-

- **How does this support children?**
 - *Some insurance providers require an online training for transportation.*
 - *Safe transportation can be a relief for providers.*
 - *Keeps children safe. Teaches providers "active supervision" so that children don't get left in cars.*
 - *Parents are supportive and knowledgeable.*
- **What worries you about this change?**
 - *Need stronger enforcement abilities for failures related to transportation.*
 - *When parents are providing the child's car seat, it can be hard to require them to meet new standards.*
 - *It's difficult to encourage parents to transport safely.*
 - *Providers may need additional insurance (need guidance about what policies to purchase).*
 - *Providers need resources to support safe transportation policies in cities.*
 - *Providers need resources about what the laws for transportation are.*
- **Any feedback you have on this topic?**
 - *Trainings would help providers implement the requirements.*
 - *Vehicles should be inspected to be sure they are in safe working order.*
 - *State should offer a safe child transportation training (like CDL).*
 - *There should be a drug/alcohol policy for providers.*

Annual Health Inspections-

- **How does this support children?**
 - *Annual inspections will help programs stay accountable.*
 - *Everyone should have an annual health inspection for safety.*
 - *Parents will feel comfortable.*
 - *Holds providers accountable to practice safe care.*
- **What worries you about this change?**
 - *Providers would like to know about changes to health inspections before the changes take place.*
 - *Some inspectors have more resources than others.*
 - *Will changes to health inspections make things even busier for providers?*
 - *There is favoritism with the health dept and IdahoSTARS. Can DHW help regulate?*
 - *Will providers have to pay for the health inspection annually?*

- *There should be more accountability to stay within ratios.*
- **Any feedback you have on this topic?**
 - *There should be drug testing for providers.*
 - *Need more feedback during inspections.*
 - *Providers should get a chance to make sure they like what is written (and that what is written is complete enough) on health inspection form.*
 - *More recommendations from inspector for what could be done differently or better*
 - *Stricter and fair-er inspectors. Can inspectors travel to other regions?*

Safe Sleep-

- **How does this support children?**
 - *Parents see providers as experts, so we should know what is best practice.*
 - *When children are not under a blanket, they are easier to see (keep safe).*
 - *Teaches parents how to use safe sleep.*
 - *Peace of mind for parents and providers.*
- **What worries you about this change?**
 - *It can be hard to transition kids to safe sleep because parents don't use it.*
 - *Need a training for parents.*
 - *Moving babies from swing to crib wakes them.*
 - *Hard to get anything done if you have a baby who doesn't sleep.*
- **Any feedback you have on this topic?**
 - *Providers should put kids in the same crib for every nap/every day with a sign hanging above that says whether child can roll, etc.*
 - *Sleep sacks are helpful.*
 - *We're already doing safe sleep.*
 - *Small group sizes make safe sleep more doable.*
 - *What age can blankets be used?*
 - *Can babies sleep in providers arms?*
 - *Providers should be able to get credit for a safe sleep class every year.*
 - *Parents should be made aware from pediatricians, in birthing classes, etc.*
 - *Policy should be posted at facility.*

Professional Development (Training Requirements)-

- **How does this support children?**
 - *The more you know as a teacher, the better interactions will be with children.*
 - *4 hours is too low. We need more.*
 - *Center directors should have to complete more hours (20).*
 - *More advanced trainings would be useful.*
 - *Everyone should be on PDS.*
- **What worries you about this change?**
 - *How do we balance trainings with time in classroom and having enough time*
 - *Technology and access for staff is not equal*
 - *Shorter training videos would be better*
 - *Trainings should be free or low cost and offered in multiple times and locations.*
 - *Online streaming is slow. If you stop and come back to a video you lose your spot.*

- **Any feedback you have on this topic?**
 - *Group listening sessions is so helpful for providers education.*
 - *Would be great to offer NAEYC approved trainings, child dev trainings, special education trainings, work place safety trainings, business trainings*
 - *Videos shouldn't be so monotone.*
 - *Could years of experience be capped?*
 - *Training should be spread throughout the year*
 - *Provide access to grants for training materials.*
 - *Field trips where staff can visit other centers for training would be good.*
 - *Trainings need to be up to date and current day.*