

§17-895-1 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter:

"Acting director" means a person who assumes the responsibilities of director of the child care facility in the absence of the director.

"Approved child development or early childhood training courses" means child development or early childhood courses taken from accredited institutions of higher learning and other agencies or organizations authorized by the department which are automatically accepted. Other courses, workshops, or seminars may be approved by the department provided the agency or organization is recognized by the department as having child care expertise, has submitted a description of the course, workshop, or seminar which fully describes the subject matter covered, the total hours of training and name of the qualified trainer (see "qualified trainer").

"Caregiver" means any person who works with the guidance of the lead caregiver and director to carry out the program of the center.

"Child" means any person who has not reached the age of eighteen.

"Child care" means those situations where a person or organization has agreed to assume and has been entrusted with the responsibility for the child's supervision, development, safety, and protection apart from the parent or guardian for any part of a twenty-four hour day.

"Child care aide," "aide," or "child care assistant" means any person who helps the lead caregiver or caregiver with all aspects of the planned program.

"Child care center (CCC)" or "group child care center (GCCC)" means a place, other than a private home, maintained by any individual, organization, or agency for the purpose of providing child care. The term child care center or group child care center shall include child nurseries, nursery school groups, preschools, child play groups, parent cooperatives, drop-in child care centers, group child care homes, or other similar units operating under any name.

"Child care facility" means any home, center, or

the state department of health or the state department of education to record a child's immunizations and health record.

"Group child care home (GCCH)" means a facility that may be an extended or modified family child care home which provides child care to no more than twelve children during any part of a twenty-four hour day. Group child care homes are licensed under the rules for group child care centers.

"Guardian" means a person other than a child's parents who has legal authority over and responsibility for a child.

"Handicapped child" means a child who is medically determined blind, deaf, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically or otherwise chronically handicapped.

"Health care practitioner" means a physician who is licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine (M.D. or O.D.), a physician assistant (PA), or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensed to practice in any of the states or territories of the United States, or a nurse practitioner (NP) licensed by the state of Hawaii.

"Ill" or illness" is a subjective term which shall be defined by each provider with regard to admitting or not admitting sick children to child care.

"Infant" means a child who is six weeks to twelve months of age.

"Lavatory" means a vessel or basin for washing which is in conformity with plumbing codes in force in the state.

"Lead caregiver," "teacher," "teacher-director," or "lead teacher" means a person responsible for planning and implementing all or part of the program activities, preparing program materials, and supervising and training other staff.

"License" means a certificate of approval issued by the state department of human services authorizing the operation of a child care facility.

"Local sanitary codes" means the specific rules set up by a county, the state department of health, or a comparable federal agency, which govern aspects of health and safety.

"Minor deficiencies" means deficiencies which do

development or related fields such as human development, psychology, social work, or nursing, and a combined total of five years of experience in training adults who work with children.

"Recalled" means any type of remedial action taken by a business for a corrective action plan agreed upon by the United States consumer product safety commission to address unsafe or potentially unsafe products to protect consumers, including the return of a product to the manufacturer or retailer for a cash refund or a replacement product, the repair of a product, and/or public notice of the hazard.

"Regularly" means the typical or normal pattern of the child care center, group child care home, or family child care home, or a practice or schedule that is routine and uniform and is not subject to unexplained or irrational variations.

"Re-hire" means an applicant or prospective employee of a child care facility who is seeking to operate or be employed in a child care facility following termination of employment of more than six months and who has been out of state during this break in employment.

"Rules" means the rules developed by the department of human services to set minimum standards of care and safety for the protection of children in care.

"Single service utensils" means the supplies or equipment used once to serve food (e.g. paper plates, cups, disposable forks).

"Staff member" means administrative, child care, clerical, and maintenance personnel who are employed by the child care facility.

"State advisory committee on child care services" means a group of people appointed by the department of human services to advise the department on matters regarding child care, including child care rules.

"Substitute" means a person who serves as a replacement for no more than ten consecutive working days in the same position when the regular staff person is absent on an emergency or unplanned basis.

"Supervision" means the act of being within sight or hearing distance of the children to insure their safety and protection.

§17-895-14 Program materials and equipment. (a)

The amount and variety of materials and equipment available and the arrangement and use of the materials and equipment shall be developmentally appropriate to the infants and toddlers in care.

(b) The quantity of materials and equipment shall be sufficient to:

- (1) Avoid excessive competition among the children and long waits for use of the materials and equipment; and
- (2) Provide for a variety of experiences and appeal to the individual interests of the infants and toddlers.

(c) Protected areas where equipment and materials will be used with minimal interference or interruption shall be provided.

(d) Materials and equipment shall be safe and kept clean and in good repair, not be recalled, stored in an orderly way, and arranged to allow children to select, remove, and replace the materials and equipment either independently or with assistance, as appropriate to their age and development.

(e) Grass, soft media, or other protective measures shall be used under swings, slides, jungle gyms, and other similar outdoor play equipment.

(f) Equipment for both indoor and outdoor play shall allow children to use small and large muscles for imaginative play and creative activities.

(g) The following shall be available:

- (1) High chairs, safety seats, or size-appropriate low seating for individual feeding;
- (2) Adequate padding for safe floor play;
- (3) Rocking or comfortable chair for infant and toddler feeding and comforting; and
- (4) Individual storage spaces for children's clothing and personal belongings. [Eff 11/7/91; am and comp 12/19/02; am

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SUBCHAPTER 11

SAFE SLEEP

§17-895-45 Program requirements. (a) A child care facility shall have a written operation policy regarding safe sleep:

(b) All employees, household members, and volunteers of the child care facility caring for children less than one year of age shall review the child care facility's written operation policy regarding safe sleep and complete training in safe sleep practices that is approved by the department, upon hire and on an annual basis, and the child care facility shall maintain a record of policy reviews and trainings completed.

(c) The child care facility shall report to the department, within one working day of occurrence, the death of a child or employee, and any illness or injury received at the child care facility that results in a child's hospitalization.

(d) The child care facility shall ensure the following for sleeping children less than one year of age:

- (1) Children shall be placed on their backs to sleep or in accordance with the written instructions on file at the child care facility from a health care practitioner for alternate sleep positioning;
- (2) Sleeping children are physically monitored and periodically checked; and
- (3) A child who falls asleep in a location or equipment other than a crib or playpen shall be moved to a crib or playpen for the remainder of the nap.

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§17-895-46 Sleep environment. (a) A child care facility shall use cribs and playpens that have not been recalled by the United States consumer product safety commission; provided that a recalled item may be used if repaired in accordance with the manufacturer's standards, and the child care facility maintains a record of the repair.

(b) Soft bedding, bumper pads, and other objects shall not be placed in the crib or playpen for children less than one year of age.

(c) A clean, tightly fitted crib sheet shall be used to cover the crib or playpen for children less than one year of age.

(d) Sleeping areas shall be kept ventilated and at a safe temperature.

(e) Bed-sharing is not allowed.

(f) The child care facility shall not use recalled items for children, such as cribs, playpens, and other equipment unless the item has been repaired in accordance with the manufacturer's standards and the child care facility maintains a record of the repair.

(g) For children ages one year and older, the following sleeping equipment shall be available:

(1) Individual bed, crib, cot, mat, or rug for each child who rests; and

(2) A clean sheet or cover to be used on the bed, crib, cot, mat, or rug for each child."

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