



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CHILD CARE REGULATIONS SUMMARY FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

The *Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Facilities* requires that child care providers supply you with a summary of the Child Care Regulations that govern the licensure of child care facilities.

The Child Care Regulations are the rules and regulations that each child care facility in Mississippi must follow in order to maintain its Child Care License. You, as a parent, are entitled to access these regulations. Among the subjects covered in the Child Care Regulations are:

- Licensing Requirements
- Buildings & Grounds
- Rights of Entry & Violations
- Health, Hygiene, Safety
- Facility Policies & Procedures
- Nutrition & Meals
- Personnel Requirements
- Discipline & Guidance
- Records
- Transportation
- Reports
- Diapering & Toileting
- Staff Requirements
- Swimming & Water Activities
- Program Activities
- Feeding of Infants & Toddlers
- Children with Special Needs
- Night Care
- School Age Care
- Summer Day Camp & School Age Programs
- Hourly Child Care
- Hearings, Emergency Suspensions, Legal Actions & Penalties
- Release of Information
- Rest Periods
- Equipment, Toys, Materials

APPENDICES

- Appendix A – Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting
- Appendix B – Reportable Diseases
- Appendix C – Nutritional Standards
- Appendix D – Playground Safety Standards
- Appendix E – Dishwashing Procedure
- Appendix F – Handwashing Procedure
- Appendix G – Diaper Changing Procedure
- Appendix H – Cleaning & Disinfection Procedure
- Appendix I – Communicable Disease/Conditions & Return to Child Care Guidelines
- Appendix J – Rules & Procedures for State Level Administrative Hearings

A full copy of the Child Care Regulations should be located in the Director's office of your child care facility. It should be available for your examination upon request. You may also access the Regulations at www.healthymississippi.com (from the left menu, select *Licensure*, then *Child Care & Youth Camps*.) You may direct your questions to your local licensing officials, or you may contact the Child Care Licensure office in Jackson at (601) 364-2827.

Should you have a complaint concerning a child care facility, contact your local licensing official

_____ at _____, email the Investigation Unit at CC.ComplaintUnit@msdh.ms.gov or mail the complaint to:

Mississippi State Department of Health
Child Care Facilities Licensure
PO Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215