

# Quarterly Update

SPRING 2018

## CHILD CARE LICENSING UPDATE

### *Child Care Licensing Program Mission:*

*The Child Care Licensing Program licenses and monitors Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers in an effort to ensure that they provide a safe and healthy environment for children who are in day care.*

### A Note from Pamela Dickfoss, Deputy Director

Welcome to the Spring Child Care Quarterly Update. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP) is consistently striving to improve the manner in which Child Care Providers and the community interact with their local Licensing Program Analysts (LPAs) and Licensing Program Managers (LPMs). In efforts to bridge communication and improve community relations, the local Child Care Licensing Regional Offices (ROs) are establishing stakeholder meetings to be held in local areas up to three times per year.

The stakeholder meetings will include one or more nearby Resource and Referral Offices (R&Rs) and may be held at the R&R or at the RO. The meetings will be between two and a half to three hours and will be a good opportunity to build collaborative relationships with your local RO. You will learn about new initiatives from the Department, engage in discussions about challenges affecting child care at a local level, and network directly with LPAs and LPMs.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming stakeholder meetings, please call your [Local Regional Office](#).

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## Laundry Detergent Pods Challenge

A toddler will put anything in his mouth, especially a colorful candy, a colorful button or a colorful detergent pod. Did you know that there is a potentially deadly social media event called the “Tide Pod Challenge”? Although this “challenge” is aimed at teenagers and young adults, encouraging them to upload video and social media posts of them eating laundry detergent pods, we must be watchful of the young minds and tiny fingers who are always ready to imitate the actions of their older siblings.

In 2017, there were over 12,000 poison control calls related to laundry detergent pods, which primarily involved children under the age of 5 or adults with severe developmental disabilities. The number of teenagers intentionally eating the gel capsule is on the rise; according to data from the [American Association of Poison Control Centers](#) (AAPCC), in 2016 and 2017, poison control centers handled thirty-nine and fifty-three cases of intentional exposures, respectively, among thirteen to nineteen year olds. That number has increased to 172 among the same age group in 2018.

Laundry pods contain highly concentrated laundry detergent pouches that can be fatally toxic. They are often covered with brightly colored film, making them visually appealing. When they are exposed to water, the film dissolves or ruptures releasing the detergent. If these pods are put in the mouth and they rupture, the person may experience foaming at the mouth, vomiting, nausea, burning feeling in the eyes, nose and throat, difficulty breathing and other lifetime health complications or even death may occur.

Licensed daycare providers are entrusted with the health and safety of the children in care. Per Title 22 Regulation [Sections 102417\(g\)\(4\)](#), and [10238\(g\)\(2\)](#) cleaning solutions, disinfectants, and detergents must be made inaccessible. Children under 5 years old could mistake the pods to candy due to its colorful appearance. Having the awareness of risky youth behaviors, like the “Tide Pod Challenge”, licensees should re-evaluate the safety measures in place to protect against the intentional self-harm when caring for school-age children.



More information can be found at:

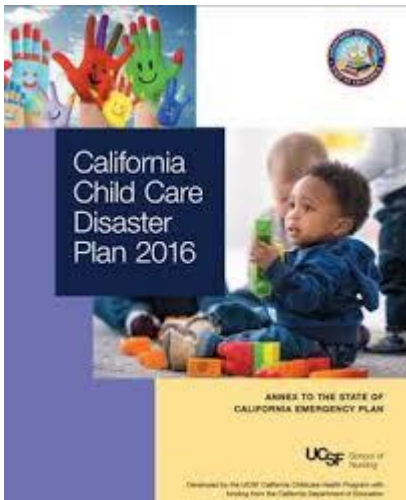
<http://www.aapcc.org/alerts/laundry-detergent-packets/>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/procter-gamble-looking-to-stop-dangerous-tide-pod-challenge-trend/>

<http://www.aapcc.org/alerts/intentional-exposures-among-teens-single-load-laun/>

## California Child Care Health Program

Title 22 Regulations [101174](#) (for child care centers) and [102417](#) (for family child care homes) require licensed child care providers to have a written disaster and mass casualty plan of action and to conduct disaster drills at least every six months. The UCSF California Child Care Health Program (with funding from California Department of Education) has created a valuable guide for understanding the roles and functions of various federal and state agencies in times of emergencies. The [plan](#) can be accessed via the UCSF website, [www.ccph.ucsf.edu](http://www.ccph.ucsf.edu). The UCSF [website](#) also has other resources for providers.



## Integrated Pest Management



The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) now has two online HSA training courses available in Spanish—a Basic course and an Intermediate course. You can find their [free online courses](#) at their website.

For more information about the HSA, integrated pest management (IPM) and available training courses, visit [DPR's School and Child Care IPM Program web page](#). For questions, or to request a free group training kit, email [school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov).

## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

It is that time of the year again! Please remember to check the batteries of the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home or child care center. It is very important that you make sure these detectors are in good working condition. It can save your life and the lives of others.



**Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Smoke Detectors:** Every licensed family daycare home shall have one or more carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors in the home. All licensed child care centers must have carbon monoxide detectors in the facility. The department shall account for the presence of these detectors during inspections.

### Carbon Monoxide:

Family Child Care Homes – [Health & Safety Code 1597.543](#)

Child Care Centers – [Health & Safety Code 1596.954](#)

### Smoke Detectors:

**Family Child Care Homes** – [Title 22 102417 \(g\)\(1\)](#) The home shall be free from defects or conditions which might endanger a child. The home shall contain a fire extinguisher and smoke detector device which meet standards established by the State Fire Marshall.

## Custody Battles

Don't let parents put you in the middle of custody battles. It is best practice to have both parents involved in filling out the paperwork needed to enroll their child in your care. Make sure to have any legal paperwork on file

that pertains to the custody arrangement between both parents. Both parents should be listed in the section of the [LIC 700](#) that asks for whom to call in an emergency/authorized to pick up.



## Mandated Reporter Training

Beginning January 1, 2018, Health and Safety Code [1596.8662](#) requires all licensed providers, applicants, directors and employees to complete training as specified on their mandated reporter duties and to renew their training every two years. Volunteers are encouraged but not required to take the training.

- Applicants must meet requirements as a precondition to licensure
- Existing licensees must meet requirements by March 30, 2018
- New employees shall have 90 days from date of employment to complete training as required

This training requirement may be met by using the Department's Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) online training modules. The OCAP modules are free of cost and available on their [website](#). The training is currently provided in English. If no training is made available in a required person's primary language, then that person shall be exempt from this requirement.

## New Inspection Process Project

As part of the Division's continuous quality improvement efforts, CCLD is currently working on the development of a new inspection tool. Improving the effectiveness and quality of the inspection process includes developing and deploying comprehensive, data-driven inspection tools which is essential to these efforts. CCLD is starting with a pilot of the tools for the Adult and Senior Care (ASC) Program and will subsequently complete tools for the Children's Residential and Child Care programs.

For more information on this project please visit the [Inspection Process Project](#) website.

## Child Care Program Updates

**Judy Hanson** was promoted to Licensing Program Manager I in the Orange County Child Care Regional Office effective January 1, 2018.

**Sherelle Johnson** was promoted to Licensing Program Manager I in the Oakland Child Care Regional Office effective January 1, 2018.



Are you interested in becoming part of the Child Care Licensing team?  
Please apply at: [CalCareers website](#)

## Reminders

- Please remember to check out new PINS: [Provider Information Notices](#)
- [Child Care Videos](#)
- [Mandated Reporter Training](#)
- Latest Recalls from the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
Centralized Complaint & Information Bureau (CCIB)	1-844-538-8766
Child Care Advocate Program	1-916-654-1541
Child Protective Services	1-916-875-5437
Caregiver Background Check Bureau	1-888-422-5669
CA Child Care Resource and Referral Network	1-415-882-0234