



Ohio Revised Code Section 5104.015 Adoption of rules.

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The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the operation of child day-care centers, including parent cooperative centers, part-time centers, drop-in centers, and school-age child care centers. The rules shall reflect the various forms of child care and the needs of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care and shall include specific rules for school-age child care centers that are developed in consultation with the department of education. The rules shall not require an existing school facility that is in compliance with applicable building codes to undergo an additional building code inspection or to have structural modifications. The rules shall include the following:

- (A) Submission of a site plan and descriptive plan of operation to demonstrate how the center proposes to meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for the initial license application;
- (B) Standards for ensuring that the physical surroundings of the center are safe and sanitary including the physical environment, the physical plant, and the equipment of the center;
- (C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;
- (D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies, to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible. As used in this division, "program" does not include instruction in religious or moral doctrines, beliefs, or values that is conducted at child day-care centers owned and operated by churches and does include methods of disciplining children at child day-care centers.
- (E) Admissions policies and procedures, health care policies and procedures, including procedures



for the isolation of children with communicable diseases, first aid and emergency procedures, procedures for discipline and supervision of children, standards for the provision of nutritious meals and snacks, and procedures for screening children and employees, that may include any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(F) Methods for encouraging parental participation in the center and methods for ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and employees are protected and that responsibilities of parents and employees are met;

(G) Procedures for ensuring the safety and adequate supervision of children traveling off the premises of the center while under the care of a center employee;

(H) Procedures for record keeping, organization, and administration;

(I) Procedures for issuing, denying, and revoking a license that are not otherwise provided for in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(J) Inspection procedures;

(K) Procedures and standards for setting initial license application fees;

(L) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints about centers;

(M) Procedures for enforcing section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;

(N) A standard requiring the inclusion of a current department of job and family services toll-free telephone number on each center provisional license or license which any person may use to report a suspected violation by the center of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(O) Requirements for the training of administrators and child-care staff members in first aid, in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases, and in child abuse recognition and prevention. Training requirements for child day-care centers adopted under this division shall be consistent with sections 5104.034 and 5104.037 of the Revised Code.



(P) Standards providing for the special needs of children who are handicapped or who require treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;

(Q) A procedure for reporting of injuries of children that occur at the center;

(R) Standards for licensing child day-care centers for children with short-term illnesses and other temporary medical conditions;

(S) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding child day-care centers.