



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5104.21 Child day camp registration.

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(A) The department of children and youth shall register child day camps and enforce this section and sections 5104.211 and 5104.22 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those sections. No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate a child day camp without annually registering with the department.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the provisions of this section and sections 5104.211 and 5104.22 of the Revised Code:

(1) A child day camp that operates for two consecutive weeks or less and for no more than a total of two weeks during each calendar year;

(2) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children that is conducted on an organized or periodic basis in specific areas or in a combination of areas for a maximum of eight hours each week, including art, drama, dance, music, athletic skill or sport, computers, or an educational subject;

(3) Programs in which the department determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child attending or participating in the child day camp is on the child day camp activity site and is readily accessible at all times, except that a child day camp on the premises of a parent's, custodian's, or guardian's place of employment shall be registered in accordance with division (A) of this section;

(4) Child day camps regulated by any state department other than the department of children and youth;

(5) A program that provides activities for children who are five years of age or older and is operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.04 of the Revised Code.



(C) A person, firm, organization, institution, or agency operating a child day camp that is exempt under division (B) of this section from registering under division (A) of this section may elect to register itself under division (A) of this section. All requirements of this section and the rules adopted pursuant to this section shall apply to any exempt child day camp that so elects to register.

(D) The director of children and youth shall adopt pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules prescribing the registration form and establishing the procedure for the child day camps to register. The form shall state both of the following:

(1) That the child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative agrees to provide the parents of each school-age child who attends or participates in that child day camp with the telephone number of the county department of health and the public children services agency of the county in which the child day camp is located;

(2) That the child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative agrees to permit a public children services agency or the county department of health to review or inspect the child day camp if a complaint is made to that department or any other state department or public children services agency against that child day camp.

(E) The department may charge a fee to register a child day camp. The fee for each child day camp shall be twenty-five dollars. No organization that operates, or owner of, child day camps shall pay a fee that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars for all of its child day camps.

(F) If a child day camp that is required to register under this section fails to register with the department in accordance with this section or the rules adopted pursuant to it or if a child day camp that files a registration form under this section knowingly provides false or misleading information on the registration form, the department shall require the child day camp to register or register correctly and to pay a registration fee that equals three times the registration fee as set forth in division (E) of this section.

(G) A child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative shall provide the parents of each school-age child who attends or participates in that child day camp with both of the following:



(1) Telephone numbers of the county department of health and the county public children services agency of the county in which the child day camp is located;

(2) A statement that the parents may contact the county department or agency to make a complaint regarding the child day camp.