



Quarterly Update

SPRING 2019

CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

Children's Residential Licensing Program Mission:

The Children's Residential Licensing Program licenses and monitors Adoption Agencies, Foster Family Agencies and Certified Family Homes, Foster Family Homes, Resource Family Homes, Group Homes, Crisis Nurseries, Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelters, Small Family Homes, Transitional Housing Placement Programs, and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs in an effort to ensure that they provide a safe and healthy environment for children who are in residential care.

A Note from Pamela Dickfoss, Deputy Director

Welcome to our Spring 2019 Children's Residential Program (CRP) Quarterly Update. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CRP is consistently striving to improve the ways in which providers interact with their local Licensing Program Analysts (LPA) and Licensing Program Managers (LPM). In an effort to bridge communication and collaboration, the local Children's Residential Regional Offices (RO) have established quarterly stakeholder meetings to be held in your region. For information about these meetings, contact your [local RO](#) for dates, times and locations.

The implementation of SB 484 continues with the inspections of specified Group Homes and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs related to the oversight of children who receive psychotropic medications. Unlike prior years, these inspections began in January 2019 and will continue throughout the calendar year. CCLD is also working towards publishing a statewide summary of the information gathered during the 2018 inspections that will be available later this spring.

Version 4 of the Interim Licensing Standards (ILS) for Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) implementing the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program will be posted in early April. An email with the summary of the changes, other important information about RFA as well as the ILS will be sent to all FFAs and interested stakeholders. Training for licensing staff will follow.

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National Summer Transportation Institute Program

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The National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) Program is a transportation-focused career awareness initiative designed to introduce disadvantaged secondary school students to all modes of transportation-related careers, provide academic enhancement activities and encourage students to pursue transportation-related courses of study at the college/university level. Students typically spend 2-4 weeks on some of the most prominent college/university campuses in the state.

The NSTI Program was created to address future transportation workforce needs by ensuring that the transportation industry has a well-trained qualified and diversified workforce.

In 2018, Caltrans contracted with four colleges and held four programs. Of those four programs, forty students were able to participate in the [National Flight Academy Program](#).

For more information, contact Antoinette Wood at NSTI@dot.ca.gov, or visit our website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/obeo/NSTI.html>.

Recently Published Provider Information Notices (PIN)

- [PIN19-05-CRP](#) (supersedes [PIN 19-02-CRP](#)) Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP) Interim Licensing Standards. Provides licensees with the Interim Licensing Standards for a new optional licensing sub-category of a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) called Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP).
- [PIN 19-01-CRP](#) Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Interim Licensing Standards. The purpose of this PIN is to notify current licensees of the updated Interim Licensing Standards for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs).
- [PIN 19-03-CRP](#) 2018 Chaptered Legislation affecting children's residential facilities. Information on legislation that was chaptered in 2018 impacting children's residential facilities is available in this PIN. These laws generally became effective January 1, 2019, except for Assembly Bill 1811, which was passed as part of the budget and thus took effect in July of 2018. Licensees should review laws relevant to their facility type to make sure they are compliant.
- [PIN 19-04-CRP](#) Resource Family Approval Program -- Conversion of Certified Family Homes to Resource Families. This PIN supersedes PIN 18-10-CRP and PIN 17-03-CRP and provides updated information and guidance on how to work with certified family homes to obtain Resource Family Approval through the conversion process. The updates in this PIN reflect statutory amendments that were made in Senate Bill 1083 (Chapter 935, Statutes of 2018) which extended the date certified family homes must be approved as Resource Families to December 31, 2020 and require Foster Family Agencies to provide written notification to their remaining certified family homes no later than July 1, 2019.

To ensure best practice around safe sleep, CRP is providing a PIN published by the CCLD's Child Care Program for informational purposes. [PIN 19-02-CCP](#) Safe Sleep Awareness Campaign announces the Departments of Social Services and Public Health's statewide safe sleep campaign. This is an important campaign for all caregivers caring for infants and information that CRP providers can benefit from as well. This PIN is also available in [Spanish](#).

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Requirements for Children, Caregivers and Staff

Upon a child's acceptance for placement, children's residential facilities and caregivers are required to obtain a medical assessment that includes an examination for communicable TB. The examination for TB shall be satisfied by either a TB pediatric risk assessment or a TB test, as determined by a medical provider during a clinical evaluation of the child for any signs or symptoms of active TB disease. Children's medical assessments shall be obtained within 30 days of acceptance of placement and shall not be more than a year old.

A TB test is a condition of employment for staff and volunteers to work in Group Homes (GH) and Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP). GH and STRTP personnel records shall contain TB test results (whether an intradermal test or a chest x-ray) of not more than one year prior to or seven days after employment for staff or initial presence in the facility for volunteers. Active TB is a communicable disease that is classified as a prohibited health condition under Title 22 Regulations, which means that an infected person may not be permitted to remain on the premises of a GH, STRTP, Small Family Home or Transitional Housing Placement Provider due to presenting an immediate health risk to other children and/or individuals present at the care home or facility.

For foster family homes and certified family homes, verification of a TB test that was not more than a year old and performed by or under the supervision of a physician was required at the time of application. For Resource Family applicants, TB screenings are no longer a requirement.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of sections taken from statute, Title 22 Regulations and Interim Licensing Standards relating to this subject:

Group Homes & STRTPs:

[Title 22 Section 80065\(g\)\(1\) and \(g\)\(3\)\(B\) – Personnel Requirements](#)

[Title 22 Section 80066\(a\)\(11\) and \(b\)\(2\)– Personnel Records](#)

[Title 22 Section 80069\(a\) – Client Medical Assessments](#)

[Title 22 Section 80091\(a\)\(2\) – Prohibited Health Conditions](#)

Foster Family Homes & Certified Family Homes:

[Title 22 Section 89465\(b\)\(1\) – Caregiver Requirements](#)

[Title 22 Section 89469\(a\)\(1\) to \(2\) – Children's Medical Assessments](#)

Resource Family Homes:

[FFA Interim Licensing Standards Section 88431.1\(b\)\(1\) – Applicant Qualification](#)

[Title 22 Section 80069\(a\) – Client Medical Assessments](#)

[Title 22 Section 88069\(a\) – Children's Medical Assessment](#)

Healthy Habits - Coughing and Sneezing Etiquette

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that a critical time to practice good hygiene etiquette is when you are sick, especially when coughing or sneezing. Many of the people in care facilities (residents, staff, and others) may need gentle reminders about these health tips. To help stop the spread of germs:

- [Cover your mouth and nose](#) with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Put your used tissue in a waste basket.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Remember to [wash your hands](#) after coughing or sneezing.



Safety Reminders

Spring is a good time of year to check your safety equipment in your home or facility. Did you know that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have expiration dates? Carbon monoxide detectors are said to have a lifespan of five to seven years and smoke detectors approximately eight to ten years. You may locate these dates on the back of the alarm as pictured below. For more information on smoke and carbon monoxide safety, you can visit the [National Fire Protection Association](#) or [California Department of Public Health](#) websites.



New Inspection Process Updates

CCLD continues to develop comprehensive inspection tools for the Children’s Residential Program. These tools will facilitate inspections that focus on three priority areas: prevention, enforcement, and compliance. The tools developed through the Inspection Process Project will support the Department’s efforts to conduct inspections that are consistent and thorough throughout the state and across licensing categories. To support this vision, in addition to developing a new suite of tools, CCLD is employing a data-driven continuous quality improvement (CQI) approach to the evaluation and improvement of policies and business processes. Through the CQI approach, CCLD will evaluate the overall health of licensed care in California, assess the underlying conditions that contribute to the overall health of licensed care, refine policies, procedures and inspection tools to target opportunities for improvement, and evaluate the success of the revised policies, procedures and tools. The new inspection tools and processes will be person-centered and will facilitate a robust qualitative and quantitative review of each licensed setting.

The Department has partnered with California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) to complete an in-depth analysis of the Senior Care Inspection Tool Pilot. [Highlights of the RCFE Pilot findings from CSUS](#) can be found on our [website](#).

Management Information

Rosa Rodriguez was promoted to LPM I, El Segundo Regional Office, effective 12/13/18.

Margo Castaneda was promoted to LPM I, limited term, Sacramento Regional Office, effective 12/24/18.

Nelson Martinez was appointed to LPM II, San Jose Regional Office, effective 2/19/19.

Megan Mullen was promoted to LPM I, in San Bruno and Rohnert Park Local Units, effective 3/21/19.



IMPORTANT INFO AND PHONE NUMBERS

Centralized Complaint Information Bureau (CCIB)	1-844-538-8766
Foster Care Rates	916-651-9152
Caregiver Background Check Bureau (CBCB)	1-888-422-5669
Foster Care Ombudsman	1-877-846-1602
CCL Public Inquiry and Response	916-651-8848
Technical Support Program	916-654-1541

Program Administrator- Jean Chen
Assistant Program Administrators:
Angela Carmack-North
Lenora Scott- South

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

- Information on how to apply for a State job can be found at the Cal Career [website](#).

Please remember to check for new [Provider Information Notices \(PINS\)](#).