



Quarterly Update

SUMMER 2019

CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

Children's Residential Licensing Program Mission:

To protect and improve the lives of all youth who reside in a community care facility through the administration of a transparent licensing system that is collaborative, fair, and supportive of families.

A Note from Pamela Dickfoss, Deputy Director

The Children's Residential Program (CRP) is committed to working in partnership with providers of out-of-home care in California to ensure the health and safety the children we all serve. With summer upon us, that includes thinking about protection from the elements and this Summer 2019 CRP Quarterly Update includes resources intended to protect children – and their caregivers – from some of the heat and water related dangers that come with the season.

In the 2018 fire season, we had over 8,500 wildfires and the largest amount of burned acreage recorded in California history, with the largest being the Ranch Fire which engulfed 410,203 acres. The most destructive and deadliest was the Camp Fire which destroyed over 150,000 acres, including over 18,000 structures, and took 85 lives. Summer is a good time to prepare for fire season. In addition to complying with licensing regulations on emergency procedures and disaster plans, this can include steps such as maintaining 100 feet of defensible feet around your home and putting together emergency supply kits for each person in your household. For more information, visit [CalFire's website](#) on wildfire preparedness.

CRP issued a Provider Information Notice (PIN) since our last update, which is posted on the Community Care Licensing Division's (CCLD) webpage. [PIN 19-06-CRP](#) Children's Residential Inspection Tool Pilot announces the launch of the CCLD's pilot for children's residential to evaluate its full impact before statewide implementation. Please review this PIN and check out the [CCLD Inspection Process Project](#) website for more information.

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Summer Heat Safety Precautions for Children and Youth

With the fun and enjoyment summer weather can bring, there are heat-related safety precautions to take for infants and young children due to their decreased ability to regulate body heat. Youth engaging in outdoor activities are also at an increased risk of heat-related illnesses because of the body's inability to further regulate heat. Typical [symptoms](#) include but are not limited to: headaches, dizziness, nausea, and loss of consciousness.

Caregivers should pay close attention for signs of heat-related illness in infants, young children, and youth in their care during hot weather. Basic preventative steps include the use of appropriate clothing for the hot weather, providing enough hydration, keeping a comfortable temperature in the home, and maintaining safety when swimming and engaging in other water-based activities.

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

Group Homes & STRTPs:

[Title 22 Section 80065\(e\) & \(f\)\(5\) – Personnel Requirements](#)

[Title 22 Section 80087\(e\) – Buildings and Grounds](#)

[Title 22 Section 80088\(a\)\(1\) & \(1\)\(A\) – Fixtures, Furniture, Equipment and Supplies](#)

[Title 22 Section 84087.2\(a\)\(5\) & \(5\)\(A\) – Outdoor Activity Space](#) (Group Homes Only)

[STRTP Interim Licensing Standards Section 87087.2\(a\)\(5\) & \(5\)\(A\) – Outdoor Activity Space](#)

Foster Family Homes:

[Title 22 Section 89323 – Emergency Procedures](#)

[Title 22 Section 89387\(e\) to \(h\) & \(l\) – Buildings and Grounds](#)

Resource Family Homes:

[FFA Interim Licensing Standards Section 88487.1\(a\)\(6\) – Home and Grounds](#)

[FFA Interim Licensing Standards Section 88487.2\(b\) to \(e\) – Outdoor Activity Space](#)

[FFA Interim Licensing Standards Section 88487.5 – Emergency Procedures](#)



Water Safety

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children. It can occur quickly, silently, and in as little as two inches of water. There are several key things you can do to be prepared and proactive around water with children and youth in care.

Home

- Never leave the room when children are in the bathtub.
- Know that using a baby bath seat or ring doesn't keep children from drowning.
- Empty buckets or containers if water has accumulated in them.

Swimming

- Actively watch children when they are swimming.
- Teach kids never to swim alone.
- Know that any child can get into trouble in the water, even if wearing a life jacket or has taken swimming lessons.
- Never leave a gate to the pool open.
- Teach kids to stay away from pool and hot tub drains.
- Empty and turn over wading pools as soon as the kids are out.
- Have a fence at least 5 feet high that separates the pool from the house and yard. Have gates that close and latch automatically.

Visit the [Red Cross](#) website to learn more about water safety, to obtain CPR and First Aid certification, locate swimming classes in your area and [what to do in a water emergency](#). To review regulations pertaining to your facility visit the links below.

Group Homes & STRTPs:

[Title 22 Section 80065\(e\)\(1 & 2\) – Personnel Requirements](#)

[Title 22 Section 80075\(f\) – Health-Related Services](#)

[Title 22 Section 80087\(e\)\(1 & 2\) – Buildings and Grounds](#)

[Title 22 Section 84087.2\(a\)\(4 & 5\) – Outdoor Activity Space](#) (Group Homes Only)

[STRTP Interim Licensing Standards Section 87087.2\(a\)\(4 & 5\) – Outdoor Activity Space](#)

Foster Family Homes:

[Title 22 Section 89405 – Training Requirements](#)

[Title 22 Section 89387\(e-h\) – Buildings and Grounds](#)

Resource Family Homes:

[FFA Interim Licensing Standards Section 88487.2 – Outdoor Activity Space](#)



Healthy Habits – Eating Better and Getting Active

The [National Institutes of Health](#) has some great tips and resources for helping youth and families eat healthy and stay active.

- Cook and eat healthy family meals together and avoid eating in front of the T.V.
- Put nutritious food and snacks where they are easy to see and reach.
- Change a little at a time. If you drink whole milk, switch to 2% milk for a while, then try even lower fat milk.
- Walk or ride bikes instead of watching TV or surfing the Web.
- Keep balls and other sports gear handy.
- Focus on fun. Play in the park or walk through the zoo or on a nature trail.
- If you drive everywhere, try walking to a nearby friend's house, then later try walking a little farther.



Foster Care on TV

On May 20th, *Sesame Street* introduced Karli, a new Muppet character who is in foster care living with her 'for now' parents. In addition to highlighting foster care on television through Karli's experiences, Sesame Street has launched an initiative to support foster children, parents, and providers who serve foster families by [providing free educational resources](#) designed to reassure children. These resources include an interactive storybook and printable activity pages, videos featuring Karli and other Muppets and more.



The documentary 'Foster' also premiered in May on HBO. The filmmakers followed children, parents, social workers and others in the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services for more than a year, providing audiences with a rare look inside the system from a variety of perspectives. Among the stories featured in the film is that of Earcylyene Beavers, pictured below, who has fostered over 1,000 children.



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. This spring a Subject Matter Expert (SME) Workgroup convened to discuss the pilot inspection tools. The SMEs used a risk assessment methodology to categorize each statutory, regulatory, and Interim Licensing Standard requirement, to help determine whether to include the specified requirement in the pilot tools. In addition to developing inspection tools, the Department is creating and revising forms and procedural documents that will facilitate more consistent inspections statewide as well as training materials for field staff who will participate in the Inspection Tool Pilot. The Children's Residential pilot will launch this fall and will last for three months.



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 \(PINS\)](#).

IMPORTANT INFO AND PHONE NUMBERS

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