



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CHILD CARE REGULATIONS SUMMARY FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

The *Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Facilities* require that child care providers supply you with a summary of the Child Care Regulations that govern the licensure of child care facilities. You will find that information below.

The Child Care Regulations are the rules and regulations that each child care facility in Mississippi must follow in order to maintain their Child Care License. You, as a parent, are entitled access to these regulations. Among the subjects covered in the Child Care Regulations are:

Licensing Requirements	Health, Hygiene, and Safety	School-Age Care
Right of Entry and Violations	Nutrition and Meals	Summer Day Camp & School-Age Programs
Facility Policies and Procedures	Discipline and Guidance	Hourly Child Care
Personnel Requirements	Transportation	Hearings, Emergency
Records	Diapering and Toileting	Suspensions, Legal Action and Penalties
Reports	Rest Periods	Release of Information
Staff Requirements	Feeding of Infants and Toddlers	
Program of Activities	Swimming and Water Activities	
Equipment, Toys, and Materials	Children with Special Needs	
Building and Grounds	Night Care	

APPENDICIES

Appendix A - Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Statutes	Appendix F – Hand washing Procedure
Appendix B - Reportable Diseases	Appendix G - Diaper Changing Procedure
Appendix C - Nutritional Standards	Appendix H - Cleaning and Disinfection Procedure
Appendix D – Playground Safety	Appendix I - Communicable Disease/Conditions and Return to Child Care Guidelines
Appendix E - Dishwashing Procedure	Appendix J – Rules and Procedures for State Level Administrative Hearings

A full copy of the Child Care regulations should be located in the Director's office of your child care facility. It should be available for your examination upon request. You may also access the Regulations at www.healthymms.com (from the left menu, select Regulations and Licensure, then Child Care). You may direct your questions to the local licensing official, Kimberly Putman at 662-841-7870 or you may contact the Child Care Licensure office in Jackson at (601) 364-2827.

Should you have a complaint concerning a child care facility, contact the licensing official listed above or call the Child Care Licensure office, toll free, at **1-866-489-8734**.