### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

### CAREGIVER BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The California Department of Social Services works to protect the safety of children in child care by licensing child care centers and family child care homes. Our highest priority is to be sure that children are in safe and healthy child care settings. California law requires a background check for any adult who owns, lives in, or works in a licensed child care home or center. Each of these adults must submit fingerprints so that a background check can be done to see if they have any history of crime. If we find that a person has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or a marijuana-related offense covered by the marijuana reform legislation codified at Health and Safety Code sections 11361.5 and 11361.7, he/she cannot work or live in the licensed child care home or center unless approved by the Department. This approval is called an exemption.

A person convicted of a crime such as murder, rape, torture, kidnapping, crimes of sexual violence or molestation against children cannot by law be given an exemption that would allow them to own, live in or work in a licensed child care home or center. If the crime was a felony or a serious misdemeanor, the person must leave the facility while the request is being reviewed. If the crime is less serious, he/she may be allowed to remain in the licensed child care home or center while the exemption request is being reviewed.

### How the Exemption Request is Reviewed

We request information from police departments, the FBI and the courts about the person's record. We consider the type of crime, how many crimes there were, how long ago the crime happened and whether the person has been honest in what they told us.

The person who needs the exemption must provide information about:

- · The crime
- What they have done to change their life and obey the law
- · Whether they are working, going to school, or receiving training
- · Whether they have successfully completed a counseling or rehabilitation program

The person also gives us reference letters from people who aren't related to them who know about their history and their life now.

We look at all these things very carefully in making our decision on exemptions. By law this information cannot be shared with the public.

### How to Obtain More Information

As a parent or authorized representative of a child in licensed child care, you have the right to ask the licensed child care home or center whether anyone working or living there has an exemption. If you request this information, and there is a person with an exemption, the child care home or center must tell you the person's name and how he or she is involved with the home or center and give you the name, address, and telephone number of the local licensing office. You may also get the person's name by contacting the local licensing office. You may find the address and phone number on our website. The website address is <a href="http://ccld.ca.gov/contact.htm">http://ccld.ca.gov/contact.htm</a>

### WHAT ARE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES?

The California Department of Social Services licenses homes to provide child care, and wants you to understand the licensing laws and the ways in which you can check the quality of care your child receives.

### WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO?

- Ask to see the FCC home license. Homes caring for children from more than one family must be licensed.
- Check the condition of the FCC home frequently. Parents have the legal right to "drop in" at any time care is being provided.
- Know your rights as a parent by reading and keeping the Notification of Parents' Rights form.
- Make sure the Parents' Rights Poster is displayed in the home.
- · Watch how your child acts in the home.
- Listen to what your child tells you about the care received in the home.
- Talk with the provider about any problems. Inform the provider of anything in the home which could hurt your child.
- Call or write the licensing agency if the provider fails to fix a
  hazard or if you believe your child has been harmed while in
  the provider's care. (See "How to file a complaint")
- Ask to see the licensing reports on file in the home.
- Call or visit the licensing office and ask to look at your provider's licensing file
- Ask if there are any adults in the home that have a criminal background.

### PARENTS OF BABIES SHOULD ENSURE THAT:

- The baby receives good nutrition and is fed at the proper times.
- · A stimulating environment is provided.
- The provider gives emotional support, and holds the child regularly.
- · The provider cares for no more than four babies.
- Babies are placed on their backs when put down to sleep or nap.

### HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT ABOUT A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

### COMPLAINT PROCESS

- If you think a FCC provider is breaking the licensing laws, you
  may file a complaint with the local licensing office. You can
  find the address and telephone number in the following ways:
  - the provider's license
  - · your copy of the Parents' Rights Notification form
  - · the telephone book under:

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OR

- The California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division's website at <u>www.ccld.ca.gov</u>
- Call or write your local licensing office and explain your complaint. Your name will remain anonymous unless you give us permission to use it. You will be notified of the results when the investigation is done.
- If you believe your child is being physically or sexually abused, you should also report it to your local Police Department or Sheriff's Department.
- Contact the local licensing office about any issues or questions you may have.
- To learn more about the Child Care Licensing program and services, please visit our website. There you will find child care licensing updates, regulations, and information about the child care advocate program.

WHEN YOU REPORT SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS YOU NOT ONLY PROTECT YOUR CHILD BUT ALSO PERFORM A SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

### WHAT THE LICENSING AGENCY DOES

- Visits each FCC home before issuing a license to operate.
- Does criminal background checks and child abuse index checks on all adults in the home.
- · Requires tuberculosis (TB) tests of providers.
- · Investigates complaints.
- Makes unannounced visits to the FCC home.
- Denies applications and revokes licenses when necessary.

### FAMILY CHILD CARE CONSUMER AWARENESS INFORMATION

Family Child Care (FCC) is provided by the home of a licensed provider for up to eight children with one adult or up to 14 children with one adult and one assistant. FCC homes provide a home like setting. Making sure that the licensed FCC homes are providing safe care is the job of the licensing agency, the parents and the provider.

### HEALTH and SAFETY CHECKLIST

You should check for basic health and safety practices in the home. Your FCC Provider, by state law and regulation, must do the following:

Get a license from the local licensing agency.
Provide care to no more than eight children (with no more than two children under age 2) or 14 children with an assistant (with no more than 3 children under age 2).
Make sure the home has heat in cold weather and is cool in hot weather.
Keep detergents and cleaning products out of children's reach.
Make sure swimming pools are fenced or have a pool cover.
Baby gates must block stairs in facilities when children less than five years old are in care.
Store guns, other weapons, and poisons in locked areas.
Have an emergency plan in case of fire or earthquake
Keep an emergency information card on every child in care.
Keep a fire extinguisher and working smoke alarm in the FCC home.
Provide a smoke free environment.
Not use baby walkers, bouncers or similar items.

### WHAT SHOULD THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDE?

You should get answers to these questions before placing your child in the home:

- Is the home clean and safe?
- · Are there enough toys and games?
- How will my child be disciplined? (Spanking, hitting, slapping, shaking and so forth are not permitted in licensed homes.)
- · What meals will my child be given?
- How will the food I bring be stored and prepared?
- Is there enough room (indoor and outdoor) for my child to play?
- What activities are planned for my child?
- How will my child be cared for when he or she gets sick?
- How many other children will be in care?
- What ages are the other children?
- · What are the sleeping/napping/rest arrangements?
- How will I find out if my child is hurt or injured while in care?

### DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH THE PROVIDER:

- · Setting times for arrival and pickup.
- Bringing items from home (food, toys, change of diapers, change of clothes, toothbrush, infant furniture, and so forth).
- · Providing instructions for giving medicines or special food.
- Providing telephone numbers for home, work, spouse's work, doctor and neighbor.
- Providing a list of names and telephone numbers of people who may pick up your child.

### GOOD CHILD CARE INCLUDES THESE THINGS:

- A provider who provides warm and loving care and guidance for your child, and who works with you and your family to make sure your child grows and learns in the best way possible.
- . A home that keeps your child safe, secure, and healthy.
- Activities that help your child grow mentally, physically, socially and emotionally.
- Your involvement in your child's care.

### PARENT NOTIFICATION ADDITIONAL CHILDREN IN CARE

As required by Health and Safety Code Sections 1597.44(c) and 1597.465(c), you are hereby notified that: (Check one) I am licensed as a Small Family Child Care Home and may provide care for more than six and up to eight children when one child is enrolled in and attending kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or elementary school, and another child is at least six years old, and no more than two infants are in care. M I am licensed as a Large Family Child Care Home, and with an assistant provider, may provide care for more than 12 and up to 14 children when one child is enrolled in and attending kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or elementary school, and another child is at least six years old, and no more than three infants are in care. (PRINT FACILITY ADDRESS) (CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE) RECEIPT OF PARENT NOTIFICATION (Facility Copy) Additional Children in Care \_, acknowledge receipt of the notification that this Small Family Child Care Home may be providing care for more than six and up to eight children, or that this Large Family Child Care Home may be providing care for more than 12 and up to 14 children in accordance with Health and Safety Code Sections 1597.44 and 1597.465. (PARENT/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE) (DATE) (CHILD'S NAME)

Maintain the completed and signed bottom half of this form in the child's record and provide the completed top half of this form to the child's parent or authorized representative.

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### IDENTIFICATION AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION CHILD CARE CENTERS/FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

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### FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS' RIGHTS

### PARENTS' RIGHTS

As a Parent/Authorized Representative, you have the right to:

- Enter and inspect the family child care home without advance notice whenever children are in care.
- File a complaint against the licensee with the licensing office and review the licensee's public file kept by the licensing office.
- Review, at the family child care home, reports of licensing visits and substantiated complaints against the licensee made during the last three years.
- Complain to the licensing office and inspect the family child care home without discrimination or retaliation against you or your child.
- 5. Be notified and receive, from the licensee, a written notice that lists the name of any person not allowed in the family child care home while children are present. (NOTE: This notice is only required when the Department has, in writing, excluded someone from the family child care home on or after January 1, 2001).
- 6. Request in writing that a parent not be allowed to visit your child or take your child from the family child care home, provided you have shown a certified copy of a court order.
- 7. Receive from the licensee the name, address and telephone number of the local licensing office.

Licensing Office Name:

Peninsula Regional Child Care Office

Licensing Office Address:

851 Traeger Ave Suite 360, San Bruno

Licensing Office Telephone #:

(650) 266-8800

- 8. Be informed by the licensee, upon request, of the name and type of association to the family child care home for any adult who has been granted a criminal record exemption, and that the name of the person may also be obtained by contacting the local licensing office.
- 9. Receive, from the licensee, the Caregiver Background Check Process form.
- 10. Be informed, by the licensee, that the facility has or does not have liability insurance (or a bond) that covers injury to clients due to the negligence of the licensee or employees of the facility.
- NOTE: CALIFORNIA STATE LAW PROVIDES THAT THE LICENSEE MAY DENY ACCESS TO THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME TO A PARENT/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PARENT/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE POSES A RISK TO CHILDREN IN CARE.

For the Department of Justice "Registered Sex Offender" database, go to www.meganslaw.ca.gov

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS' RIGHTS (Parent/Authorized Representative Signature Required)

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### Parent/Guardian Permission to Apply Insect Repellent to Child

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<u> </u>	I do not know of any allergies my child has to children's insect repellent.
<u>-</u>	My child is allergic to some insect repellents. Please use only the following brand(s)/type(s) of repellent:, according to the directions on the label.
<b>u</b>	I have provided the following brand/type of insect repellent for use on my child:
<b></b>	For medical or personal reasons, please DO NOT apply insect repellent to the following areas of my child's body:
<b>u</b>	Please do not apply insect repellent to my child.
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	Provider's Signature (optional):



### Health & Safety Notes California Childcare Health Program

### CHILDCARE

### The Use of Insect Repellent by Child Care Programs

Insect bites can cause local allergic reactions and some diseases. Of particular concern are bites from mosquitoes and ticks. Mosquitoes can carry viruses and parasites that cause West Nile virus or other illnesses. These diseases can be serious but they are also rare. There has been an increase of reported cases of West Nile virus disease in California, and this is cause for concern. However, taking care to prevent exposure to the insects that carry these diseases is important, and preparation is better than panic when there is an outbreak. To reduce the risk of insect bites, children and adults can wear loose fitting clothing of lightweight material with long sleeves and long pants. Insect repellents can also be used.

What are the most effective insect repellents? A wide variety of insect repellents are available. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using products that contain active ingredients that are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.) Insect repellents currently registered by the EPA contain:

- · DEET,
- · Picaridin or
- Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

These products have been tested and have been found to be safe and effective if used according to label instructions. Use the concentration of repellent that is appropriate for the amount of time you will be exposed. Higher concentrations are not more effective, but work for a longer period of time. To reduce the risk of adverse effects, use the lowest concentration you can for your situation. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends using products that have a 30% or less concentration of DEET and that repellents not be used on children under two months of age. Also note that labels for Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus products state that they should not be used on children under 3 years. Both the AAP and the EPA recommend the following precautions when using insect repellents:

- Apply repellents only to exposed skin and or clothing. Do not use under clothing.
- Never use repellents over cuts, wounds, or irritated skin.
- Do not apply to eyes or mouth, and apply sparingly around ears. When using sprays, do not spray directly on face, spray on hands first and then apply to face.
- Do not allow children to handle the product. When using on children apply to your own hands first.
   Do not apply on children's hands.
- Use just enough to cover exposed skin, heavy applications do not work better. If a thin film does not work, you can apply a bit more.
- After returning indoors, wash treated skin with soap and water. Also wash treated clothing before wearing again. (Check product label for further instructions.)
- If a child develops a rash, stop using the product, wash with mild soap and water and call poison control or your doctor for guidance.

For more information, see CCHP's related Health and Safety Notes Summer Safety and West Nile Virus: What You Should Know. Visit www.ucsfchildcare health.org or call the Healthline (1-800-333-3212) for copies.

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# CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RECORD

and shall transfer with that record. Local health departments shall have access to this record in schools, child care facilities, and family day care homes. This record is part of the student's permanent record (cumulative folder) as defined in Section 49068 of the Education Code

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This record must be completed by school and child care personnel from an immunization record provided by parent or guardian. See reverse side for instructions.

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE STAFF

- Complete child's name and address information section, or ask parent or guardian to complete this section only. (This form is not to be sent home or given to parents to complete.)
- 2 School or child care personnel then fill in date (month/day/year) of each immunization the student has received from the Immunization Record presented by the parent or guardian. (If the date consists only of month and year for some doses, fill in month/xx/year; however, if either measles, rubella or mumps (or MMR) was received in the month of the first birthday, month/day/year is required.)
- Determine if immunization requirements have been met, using the California "Immunization Requirements for Grades K–12," or "Immunization Requirements for Child Care," (available from Immunization Coordinators in local health departments), or other requirements guide.
- 4. Complete the Documentation and Status of Requirements box.
- Fill in date and your signature as the staff member who reviewed and transcribed the immunization record presented by the parent or guardian. Check which type of record was presented.
- B. If the child has met all immunization requirements, check box A and write in date.
- If the child has not met all requirements, check box B. Child can be admitted only if up-to-date, e.g., no immunizations due currently. The child must be followed up as indicated in the "Guide to Immunization Requirements."
- and the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition. If the medical exemption is permanent, the requirement for the designated immunization(s) is met: check box A and box C.\* If the medical exemption is temporary, check box B and box D; this child must be followed up.\* If a child is to be exempted for medical reasons, a doctor's written statement is required; the statement must include which immunization(s) is to be exempted
- Ħ If a child is to be exempted for reasons of personal beliefs, the parent or guardian must present documentation consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 120365, including documentation of all other required immunizations the child has received. All requirements are met; check box A and box E.\*

# Applicable only in those jurisdictions where the Tuberculosis Assessment is required for school entry

### Personal Beliefs Affidavit to be Signed by Parent or Guardian—Tuberculosis

I hereby request exemption of the child named on the front from the tuberculosis assessment requirement for school/child care center entry because this procedure(s) is contrary to my beliefs. I understand that should there be cause to believe that my child is infected with active tuberculosis or should there be a tuberculosis outbreak, my child may be temporarily excluded from school.

## Creencias Personales: Declaración Jurada Debe ser Firmada por el Padre o la Madre o el Guardián

Solicito por la presente la dispensa de mi hijo, nombrado en el reverso, de los requisitos para la evaluación de la tuberculosis (tisis) de la entrada a la escuela ya que esta evaluación es opuesta a mis creencias. Comprendo que si hay razón para sospechar que mi hijo sufra de la tuberculosis activa o si hay un brote de la tuberculosis, mi hijo puede ser excluido de la escuela.

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<sup>\*</sup> Names of all children who are exempt should be maintained on an exempt roster for immediate identification in case of disease outbreak in the community.

### PARENT/GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION TO APPLY SUNSCREEN TO HIS/HER CHILD

	Name of Child:
	(last, first)
As the paren	t/guardian of the above child, I recognize that too much exposure to UV rays may increase my child's
risk of getting	skin cancer someday. Therefore, I give permission for the staff at:
	stress hands non-8VU bar AVU to see on 501 dappt for encursing the general eg
	(name of child care program)
to apply a sur	nscreen product that is broad spectrum with SPF 15 or higher to my child, as specified below, when
he/she will be	e playing outside, especially during the months of March through October and between the daily time of
10 a.m. and 4	p.m. I understand that sunscreen may be applied to exposed skin, including but not limited to the face
(except eyeli	ds), tops of ears, nose, bare shoulders, arms and legs.
I have checke	d and initialed below all applicable information regarding the child care program's choice in brand/type
and use of su	nscreen for my child:
<u> </u>	I do not know of any allergies my child has to sunscreen.
0	My child is allergic to some sunscreens. Please use ONLY the following brand(s)/type(s) of sunscreen
<b>D</b>	Staff may use the sunscreen of the program's choice following the directions and recommendations printed on the product container.
0	I have provided the following brand/type of sunscreen for use for my child:
<u> </u>	For medical or other reasons, please do NOT apply sunscreen to the following areas of my child's body:
Parent/Gu	ıardian's Name: Date:
Parent/Gu	ıardian's Signature:
Health Care	Provider's Signature (obtional):

### NOTE: DO NOT RELY ON SUNSCREEN ALONE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SKIN CANCER!

### **SUN-SMART POLICY FOR CHILD CARE PROGRAMS**

Our Sun-Smart policy has been developed to ensure that all children and staff participating in this program are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UVB and UVA rays of the sun. This policy will be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis from March through October.

### Sun-Smart strategies:

- I. Encourage staff and children to wear hats with wide brims that protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside.
- Encourage staff and children to wear sun-protective clothing (i.e., tightly woven, loose-fitting, full length, light-colored and light-weight) when temperatures are reasonable.
- 3. Encourage staff to wear sunglasses that block 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays (broad spectrum) whenever they are outside.
- 4. Provide sufficient areas of shelter and/or trees providing shade on the play yard.
- 5. Encourage children to seek and use available areas of shade for outdoor play activities.
- Schedule excursions and all outdoor activities before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the
  winter months) whenever possible. The availability of shade will be considered when planning excursions
  and outdoor activities during these times.
- Children will be hydrated and encouraged to drink water before and during prolonged physical outdoor activities in warm weather.
- Staff and parents/guardians will model sun safety behaviors by:
   Wearing appropriate hats and clothing when outdoors.
   Using broad spectrum SPF 15 or higher sunscreen for skin protection.
   Seeking shade whenever possible.
- Provide broad spectrum SPF 15 or higher (and paba and alcohol free, if possible) sunscreen for staff and children to use on exposed skin, except eyelids, 30 minutes before exposure to the sun and every two hours while in the sun, unless parent/guardian provides their own sunscreen for their child.
- 10. Parents/guardians will complete and sign the Parent/Guardian's Permission to Apply Sunscreen to His/Her Child (see reverse) and it shall remain on file at the program.
- 11. Include learning about the skin and ways to protect the skin from the UV rays of the sun into the program's curriculum and daily routines.
- 12. The Sun-Smart Policy will be reinforced in positive ways through parent newsletters, staff memos, bulletin boards and meetings. Signage shall be posted that reminds staff, parents and children to practice sun safety.
- 13. Staff and parents will be provided with educational materials and resources on sun safety and protection.

### When enrolling their child, parents/guardians will be:

- Informed of the program's Sun-Smart Policy.
- 2. Asked to provide a suitable hat for their child's use when outdoors in the care setting.
- 3. Required to provide permission for staff to apply sunscreen (and *optional*: health care provider's signature included on consent form).
- Asked to provide a broad spectrum SPF 15 or higher sunscreen if their child is allergic to the program's
  offered brand/type.
- 5. Encouraged to practice Sun-Smart behaviors themselves.

RECOMMENDED STANDARD/OPTIONAL: Every child should have on file a standing order from their health care provider for the use of sunscreen (nonprescription medication) in the care setting, in addition to the parental consent to have sunscreen applied.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> American Academy of Pediatrics and American Public Health Association, (2002). Caring for our children: National health and safety standards: Guidelines for out-of-home child care programs, Second Edition. Elk Grove Village, IL.