

# CHILDCARE REGULATIONS SUMMARY FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

The Regulations governing Licensure of Childcare Facilities requires that childcare providers supply you with a summary of the Childcare Regulations that govern the licensure of childcare facilities.

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

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

## APPENDICES

Appendix A-Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting

Appendix B-Reportable Diseases

Appendix C-Nutritional Standards

Appendix D-Playground Safety Standards

Appendix E-Dishwashing Procedure

Appendix F-Hand Washing Procedure

Appendix G-Diaper Changing Procedure

Appendix H-Cleaning & Disinfection Procedure

Appendix I-Communicable Disease/Conditions & Return to Childcare Guidelines

Appendix J-Rules & Procedures for State Level Administrative Hearing

A full copy of the Childcare Regulations should be in the Director's office of your childcare facility. It should be available for your examination upon request. You may also access the regulations at [www.healthymms.com](http://www.healthymms.com) (from the left menu, select Licensure, then Childcare & Youth Camps) You may direct your questions to your local licensing officials, or you may contact the Childcare Licensure office in Jackson at (601)364-2827.

Should you have a complaint concerning a childcare facility, contact your local licensing official, Tamika Pratcher at 1(769) 209-7453, email the Investigation Unit at [CCComplaintUnit@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:CCComplaintUnit@msdh.ms.gov) or mail the complaint to:

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