Fingerprinting fee

The fee for fingerprinting will go up in 2019, which will affect child care facility employees who need to have the required background check conducted.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS) reported that the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) portion of the fingerprint fees will increase to $13.25. The state’s portion will not increase, and a breakdown of the fees and the new total is in the chart below.

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The State of Nevada Child Care Licensing (CCL) unit conducts background investigations on all owners, directors, employees, and volunteers of licensed child care facilities. For full information on the background check requirements, visit the Open and Operate a Child Care Facility web page.

Training Reminder:

When staff are searching for trainings to complete for their initial or annual training requirements, it is important to guide them to the Nevada Registry’s training calendar. Trainings listed on this calendar are either in person or online, but all trainings accessed through the calendar are automatically Nevada Registry approved. This is important because there are trainings with similar names that may not meet initial training requirements.

When searching for trainings to fulfill any of the initial training requirements it is important that there is a red sentence (example shown below) at the beginning of the training listing otherwise the course does not meet the requirements and will not be accepted towards compliance.

This training can be taken to meet the initial training requirement for Medication Administration.

Special points of interest:

© Remember to notify your Surveyor regarding closures for any reason!

© Your Surveyor can be a great source for ideas and suggestions!

© The Nevada Registry site has a Job Board! You might just find your next great employee there!

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Overcoming the Winter Blues with Seasonal Activities:

With the holidays behind us, it can often be difficult to think of fresh ideas for the New Year! Winter still has us firmly in its grasp and Spring still seems like it’s forever away. Children, just like adults, can feel a little depressed after all of the hubbub and activities are over and it is time to get back to “real life”.

There are still some easy ways to engage children in fun, educational activities. If you are located in an area that experiences snow, it is still important that children get outside each day. Remember, according the NAC 432A.390.3, if the weather is not permitting, a gross motor activity must be offered in lieu of outdoor play. Have a snowman building contest between different classes. For areas where the weather is a little more forgiving, have a “field day” for the children. Engage them in simple group games, like Red Light, Green Light and activities outside.

This is also a great time to enlist children’s help in rearranging the classroom and “cleaning up”. Children can sort toys and books that need to be replaced or repaired.

Additionally, there are several culturally relevant events that occur during this time of year that can be opportunities for learning and fun.

- January is when we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday. Children can be tasked with creating collages representing diversity by cutting pictures from old magazines.

- February is when many people in Asia celebrate the New Year. 2019 is the Year of the Pig. A quick search on Pinterest brings up lots of child appropriate pig crafts and activities!

- March is when we welcome Spring back. Children can get a jump start on Spring while learning about how seeds grow. Use see through containers and wet paper towels to start bean seeds. Children can draw pictures or tell a story about how their seeds are growing. Put some in a dark location and others in a window and have children explore what is the same and what is different about their seeds. As the weather gets warmer towards Spring, have children help to spruce up the playground by picking up trash, sweeping, planting flowers or vegetables.

Before you know it, Spring will be here!

Illness in Childcare

Winter brings close quarters which is a major contributor to the spread of illness, especially in child care facilities. This is most common amongst infants and toddlers who are likely to use their hands to wipe their noses or rub their eyes and then handle toys or touch other children. Children also get sick a lot in the first several years of life as their bodies are building immunity to infections.

Per NAC 432A.374 If a child becomes seriously ill or injured in a child care facility, the child must be immediately isolated from other children and placed under appropriate supervision. A parent, person designated by a parent or a physician designated by a parent must be promptly notified and the child must be removed from the facility as quickly as possible. Members of the staff of a facility shall not administer any medical treatment, except emergency first aid and prescribed medications to the child.

Take a look at the illness policy in your facility statement/parent handbook as well as your staff handbook/orientation and make sure it includes specific symptoms which would exclude both children and staff from the child care setting.

Communication with parents is key to helping prevent the spread of infectious disease. Keep in mind a child care provider is not responsible for diagnosing or treating illness, but properly reacting to the symptoms.
This committee meets quarterly to discuss, examine, consider, and make recommendations concerning Nevada’s child care industry. Child Care Advisory meetings are open to all child care providers to attend either in person or by calling in; so come and have your voice heard! If you are unable to attend in person you can always call in!

Agenda information will be posted in designated state and county offices as well as on the Nevada Registry website.

Current scheduled meeting dates are:

- January 8th 2019

Meetings begin at 1:30 pm.

For more meeting information, please visit our website at [http://dpbh.nv.gov](http://dpbh.nv.gov) and subscribe to our Child Care Listserv today! As a listserv member you will receive up-to-date information concerning Child Care Licensing, advisory meeting dates, times, places and meeting minutes.
Our vision for the Child Care Licensing Unit is to promote the healthy growth, development, and protection of children, increase availability of positive and nurturing learning environments and provide support for families by regulating and licensing high quality, developmentally appropriate, and flexible care, through a wide range of care options.

This vision involves mentoring and guiding child care providers to become advocates for children and family issues, as well as, foster the growth and development of the provider community. In support of this vision Child Care Licensing will work to expand the awareness of state legislators, local regulatory agencies and consumers so as to encourage support for improving the quality of child care environments for Nevada’s children and families.

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