



Child Care Chat

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.

Method of Submittal	FBI Fee	State Fee	New Fee Total
Fingerprint Based Submissions	\$13.25	\$23.50	\$36.75

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.

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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 to [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 help 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'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

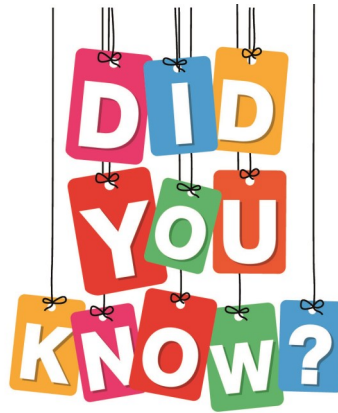
Winter brings close quarters which is a major contributor to the spread of illness, especially in child care facilities. This is most common amongst infants and toddlers who are likely to use their hands to wipe their noses or rub their eyes and then handle toys or touch other children. Children also 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.





→ Be sure to visit our [Facebook page](#) or sign up for our [ListSERV](#) in order to receive information and regular updates.



→ Child Care Licensing is developing policies in order to distribute information on how new laws that were approved this Legislative session as well as newly adopted regulations will be implemented. Keep a look out for more information coming your way soon.

→ Any blue link in the newsletter can be clicked on while using a computer to take you to a webpage with more information.

→ If you have any tips, tricks, pictures of events/projects, or helpful hints that you would like to share with childcare providers of Nevada, please email them to:

tkaplan@health.nv.gov

We also encourage those who like our [Facebook page](#) to share helpful information or posts from your facility. As always, if you choose to write on the Child Care Licensing Facebook wall, we expect that it will be done in a respectful manner.

→ Child Care Licensing's Office will be closed on the following date:

- January 1st
- January 21st
- February 18th



Child Care Advisory Committee

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>

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.

Monthly Happenings:

January 14th is National Clean Off Your Desk Day!

This day is an opportunity to begin your new year with a clean and organized workspace. Whether your desk is in a private or shared office, or is a make shift desk on the counter, having your workspace uncluttered, organized, refreshed, and clean will help you work more efficiently and give you a sense of serenity.

Remember, according to [NAC 432A.304](#), it is the responsibility of the director to provide space for an office, storage of records, conferences with parents, meetings of the staff and all other needs of the program for child care. Children and staff records must be maintained in an organized manner.

Start the year off fresh with a clean orderly desk and office space which will ultimately expedite file review during your licensing inspections.



February is National Self-Check Month

National Self Check Month is a reminder that every day of the year we can take charge of our health!

We all have our reasons for avoiding a checkup or a self-check. We're too busy, or we don't want to know the truth. It's time to do your important check and or visit your health care professional for a wellness check (Just like the kids in your care are required to do within 30 days of enrollment [NAC 432A.370](#))

Take the time to make your health (physical and mental) a priority for yourself and for the families you serve everyday!



March 20th is "Won't You Be My Neighbor Day!"

Any day can be a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Won't You Be My Neighbor Day is a day to remember and honor Fred Rogers, the iconic children's TV presenter of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. His show may have reached it's heyday in popularity back in the 1970's and 80's but repeats can still be seen today. Gentle and soft-spoken, Mr. Rogers taught children that respect of those around you and a good attitude were just as important as learning your colors and letters. On this day, be mindful of how you can show kindness and patience in explaining simple concepts to a child



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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