



Child Care Chat

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Please see the attached flyers for more information!



New CLiCs Update!

Individuals who lock themselves out of CLiCS now have a way to unlock their account themselves without calling the office. If you were to lock yourself out of your account, the system will redirect you to the "forgot password" page. You will then be prompted to enter required information for the system to send a notice and link to the email on file to reset your password. Please know, the system only gives you 30 minutes to submit the reset request and create a new password. If you do not reset the password within 30 minutes you will need to call your surveyor. If you have any questions about the password reset process please call your surveyor.



CPR/1st Aid Training Reminders:

Did you know that CPR and First Aid trainings can be taken from ANY certified CPR instructor, regardless of whether they are listed in the [CPR instructor listing](#) on Nevada Registry's website, as long as an official certification card from one of the five approved agencies will be issued. The 5 automatically approved agencies can be found listed in [NAC 432A.322.4](#)

What does this mean? You will no longer receive a Certificate of Completion with a Registry approval code, nor will an approval code be listed on your certification card for CPR/First Aid training.

Contact the instructor to confirm which card will be issued BEFORE registering for the class. If they cannot guarantee that an official card will be issued, DO NOT TAKE THE TRAINING.

*Please keep in mind that it may take time to receive your CPR/First Aid card. Be proactive and have yourself & staff take the training early in order to ensure cards will be on hand in time for the staff file review portion of your inspection! *

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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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Surveyor Spotlight! Silvia Cisneros

Silvia is a wealth of knowledge. She is always willing to help in any way possible. She is a great mother always putting her daughter first. It is a pleasure to work with her even if she sells girl scout cookies and helps me go broke through Birchbox!

-Cheryl Joyce, Surveyor, Las Vegas

Silvia is a great addition to the team. She always puts her best foot forward. She makes herself available to assist her teammates whenever necessary and her willingness to help the program succeed and grow in positive directions. Her commitment to help make the atmosphere in the office environment comfortable and companionable is noteworthy and greatly appreciated. I admire her love and dedication to her family.

-Latisha Brown, Program Manager, Las Vegas

I have really enjoyed the opportunities to work with Silvia. She is thorough, thoughtful and reasonable. She is easy to talk to and pleasant to be with. Plus, she's a great lunch date!

-Jennie Ballou, Surveyor, Elko

Silvia is always very enthusiastic and has an awesome positive outlook!! She is always open to taking on new job responsibilities, she's very knowledgeable in Early Childhood Education, and has done an amazing job with the snack bar in our office and social planning!! Silvia is a great asset to the Childcare team, and I'm very glad that she's here with us, thanks Silvia!

-Steve Burdon, Surveyor, Las Vegas

Silvia has jumped in and volunteered for many projects around the office. She is always willing to assist with any project assigned. Her bilingual skills are an asset to our office and she is readily available to help her fellow Surveyors whenever needed. Thanks Silvia!

-Edith Farmer, Supervisor, Las Vegas

Silvia is a great asset to our Child Care Licensing team. She is always helpful and readily shares her expertise with others. She initiates and coordinates all of our office social events. Along with her suitemate they both ensure we have refreshments and snacks available in the office to keep our motors running.

-Diane Hardy, Surveyor, Las Vegas

We enjoyed putting our brains together with Silvia in order to update the Director Training earlier this year. Silvia brings a calm demeanor and positive attitude to group projects. She is not shy to speak and offer her advice. Thanks Silvia!

-Tammy, Lisa, Tiffany, and Alicia, Northern Nevada Office

Silvia joined Child Care Licensing and has been a great fit to our team with her bubbly happy smiling personality!!

She is always busy taking care of what needs to be done for her providers as well as for her co-workers if needed. Silvia keeps our office on top of our birthdays and special occasions throughout the year helping us enjoy the perks of our job!! Thanks Silvia!!

-Kerra Fuentes, Surveyor, Las Vegas



Silvia is an awesome surveyor who is not only a hard worker, but compassionate as well. Silvia is always thinking about others, if you're hungry she offers to feed you, if you're sick she tries to find a way to make you feel better, if you're sad she finds a way to help put a smile on your face. Silvia thank you for being such an awesome surveyor, office mate and friend.

-Yah-Ner Walker, Surveyor, Las Vegas

Silvia is a great co-worker! She is always willing to lend a helping hand. She is dedicated to children and ensuring a safe environment for them. But most of all Silvia is dedicated to her family, being a Mom, a Sister, and a Daughter and has a VERY special smile when she talks about her beautiful little girl! Also appreciated is her coordination of much of the fun stuff we do in the office as a team. So nice to have someone who enjoys coordinating the fun things and does such a good job. So glad she is a part of our team.

-Lisa Torgerson, Surveyor, Las Vegas

Drinking Fountains and Public Health

The Pacific Institute recently released [Drinking Fountains and Public Health: Improving National Water Infrastructure to Rebuild Trust and Ensure Access](#), which finds limited evidence between illness and the use of drinking fountains. The authors note that the risk of fountain water contamination can be reduced or eliminated altogether through improved maintenance and cleaning or updating and replacing old water infrastructure.

While State of Nevada Child Care Licensing does not require facilities to have a drinking fountain on site, if your facility has a drinking fountain on site we strongly encourage you to read the report by clicking the blue link above and viewing the attached Media Release.



Summertime Sun Safety:

Summer is here in full force along with triple digit temperatures! Child Care Licensing would like to offer some sun safety reminders for the upcoming months.

-Children should be drinking five ounces every 20 minutes during outdoor activities to prevent dehydration. Tip: A child's "gulp" equals half an ounce so children should drink 10 "gulps" for every 20 minutes of play.



-Remember, children must be offered drinking water throughout the day, not just at meals. NAC432A.385.1(e)



-For children 6 months and older: Apply sunscreen early; Children's sunscreen should be applied 15-30 minutes prior to outdoor activity in order for the sunscreen to absorb into the skin. Remember, sunscreen should only be applied to children under 6 months if specific to their age.

-Limit outdoor activity to early morning and late evening, avoid peak sun hours between 10a.m. and 2 p.m. as much as possible.



-A shade area must be "at least equal in size to the sum of 5 square feet multiplied by the total number of children in the play area." through the months of April- September.



-Check for hot surfaces on playground equipment before allowing children to play on it. Surfaces can become extremely hot and can cause burns on the skin.



-Encourage parents to bring in hats, sunglasses, and light weight clothing to offer protection from the sun during outdoor play.



-If children are unable to stay outside for the duration of their scheduled outdoor time, ensure gross motor activities and time to get their energy out is offered indoors.



-Keep in mind that infants and toddlers are unable to tell an adult when they are too hot and most young children need to be reminded to stop playing to cool down. Remind staff to be diligently watching for signs that a child may be overheating.



Southern Nevada Health District: Updated Bleach Recipe

For our child care providers in Las Vegas; bleach concentrations have been updated! All recipes used in Southern Nevada Health District regulations and guidelines were based on a bleach solution that is no longer being manufactured. In order to make the appropriate strength solution, the Southern Nevada Health District states it is ESSENTIAL that you:

1. Follow the manufacturer's label instructions for dilution and verify

the strength using chlorine test strips.

2. Comply with the label instructions for the required contact time for either sanitizing or disinfecting purposes.

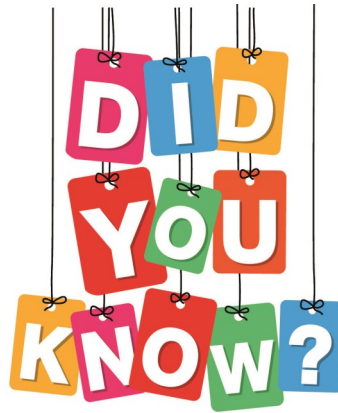
3. Provide potable water rinse if required by the manufacturer.

Please see the two attached flyers for more information!

All other licensed child care facilities should be following the bleach solution recipe that is listed in [NAC 432A.414](#).

If you have any questions regarding cleaning solutions please contact your surveyor!





→ 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 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.

→ The Consent and Release form for employee background fingerprinting has recently been revised. Information for "friends, family, and neighbors" providers to fill in has been included in the form.

Another revision included also states that **new employees who have not resided in the State of Nevada for the past 5 years will be required to produce a cleared background(s) of criminal and child abuse from each previous residential State within 90 days of hire.**

All facilities are to use the updated consent and release form and fill it out completely or it will be rejected. The new form can be found on the [Forms- Background](#) section of the Child Care Licensing website.

Please take the time to look through the forms on our website to make sure you are using the most current version of forms.

→ 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:

- July 4th
- September 4th

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:

* **July 11th 2017**

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:

July is National Park and Recreation Month!

This July, discover the power of play and adventure. For children and adults, play is a vital part of our mental well-being, physical health, and personal interactions. During Park and Recreation Month, NRPA is challenging everyone to get their play on with their local parks and recreation. Whether it's exploring a trail, meeting friends on the playground, playing in the park, or discovering nature- parks and play go hand in hand.

Please reference [NAC 432A.520](#) for supervision requirements on fieldtrips if you choose to take a field trip to a park this summer!

Click the photo below for more information:



August is National Child Eye Health and Safety Month!

August arrives each year along with a new school year. [Friends for Sight](#) wants to make sure that children include an eye exam as part of their back to school check list. The inability to see clearly affects not only academic performance but also athletics and self-esteem.

Common signs of vision troubles in children include: Frequently rubbing eyes, squinting, tilting or turning head to look at objects, wandering eyes, or squeezing eyes. If children in your care display any of these symptoms, parents should be informed so they can schedule an appointment for their child to get their eyes checked.

Eye safety is just as important as eye health. By taking proper precautions (such as providing age-appropriate toys), you can help protect children from injury. If a child should experience an eye injury, don't allow the child to rub or touch the eye, don't apply medication, and don't attempt to remove any debris from the eye.



September is Baby Safety Month!

Sponsored by [Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association](#), this month-long event increases consumer awareness of safety issues and the safe selection and use of baby products.

Helpful information on product recalls, product registration cards, and secondhand products can be found [here](#).

Child Care Licensing encourages you to stay abreast with any recalls issued on child related products that may be in your facility.



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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



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PRESCHOOL CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) EDUCATION COURSE



Early Years Matter, YOU make a difference!

Are you a preschool teacher in Clark County?

Have you been thinking about earning a CDA Credential?

Earning a CDA is a great way to take a step forward in your career with young children, demonstrate your skills and gain recognition for your hard work.

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is offering a Preschool CDA educational course beginning in the fall of 2017. This exciting, hands on course includes 120 training hours approved by the Nevada Registry!

Applications are being accepted now!

Pick up an interest form today or request information by emailing Sarah Wright at wrights@unce.unr.edu.

Students who complete this course must complete additional steps in order to obtain a CDA credential.

**Through special funding, 20 preschool teachers
will be able to attend this course free of charge!**



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Media Release

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Drinking Fountains and Public Health: Improving National Water Infrastructure to Rebuild Trust and Ensure Access

February 27, Oakland, Calif. – Today the Pacific Institute released [*Drinking Fountains and Public Health: Improving National Water Infrastructure to Rebuild Trust and Ensure Access*](#), which finds limited causal evidence between illness and the use of drinking fountains. The authors note that the risk of fountain water contamination can be reduced or eliminated altogether through improved maintenance and cleaning or updating and replacing old water infrastructure.

Concerns over drinking water quality and possible disease transmission as well as widely-publicized water contamination incidents have contributed to a decline in the number of publicly available water fountains. Yet many people – including children, commuters, joggers, tourists, and the homeless – rely on drinking fountains for cheap, accessible, and safe municipal water.

To ensure the safety and continuance of this valuable public resource, the report authors recommend:

- Establishing comprehensive monitoring and testing of all drinking fountains;
- Developing and implementing standard protocols for water fountain maintenance, repair, and replacement;
- Creating broad nationwide efforts to replace old water infrastructure, especially distribution and plumbing systems, with modern piping to eliminate sources of lead, copper, and microbial contamination;
- Upgrading the type and function of older drinking fountains, for example, by installing filters;
- Greatly increasing the number of fountains to improve access to municipal water in public places;
- Engaging municipalities, schools, park districts, and others responsible for drinking fountains in communications efforts to help rebuild public confidence in fountains;
- Using new tools to compile and distribute information on where to find drinking fountains and to assess and report on their condition.

These actions would help ensure that drinking fountains remain clean, safe, and accessible to the public.

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The Pacific Institute is a global water think tank that creates and advances solutions to some of the world's most pressing water challenges through interdisciplinary research and by partnering with a variety of stakeholders. Founded in 1987 and based in Oakland, California, the Pacific Institute envisions a world in which society, the economy, and the environment have the water they need to thrive now and in the future.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEW BLEACH CONCENTRATIONS

For those of you who use a diluted bleach solution for sanitizing and disinfecting your child care facility, manufacturers of household bleach have changed the concentration of bleach sold by retail stores and chemical suppliers. The new bleach solutions vary between 6.0 % to 8.25 % sodium hypochlorite solution. These concentrations are higher than the formerly available bleach solution of 5.25 % that is no longer being manufactured. All recipes used in SNHD regulations and guidelines were based on a 5.25 % solution of sodium hypochlorite and should no longer be used.

Because of the differing concentrations, the recommendations for diluting a bleach solution for sanitizing or disinfecting depend upon the specific bleach. It is no longer possible to provide a generic bleach recipe for sanitizing and disinfecting.

In order to make the appropriate strength solution, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you:

1. Follow the manufacturer's label instructions for dilution and verify the strength of the solution using chlorine test strips.
2. Comply with the label instructions for the required contact time (keeping the surface wet with the bleach solution) for either sanitizing or disinfecting purposes.
3. Provide a potable water rinse if required by the manufacturer.

A **SANITIZING SOLUTION** needs to be used for food contact surfaces such as: dishes, utensils, tables and high chair trays, or toys that a child may place in the mouth.

A **DISINFECTING SOLUTION** needs to be used for: diapering areas, bathrooms, general purpose on floors, walls, high touch areas, and toys that are not placed in the mouth.

- **USE ONLY** EPA registered products for sanitizing and disinfecting
- **ALWAYS** follow the manufacturer's instructions that are listed on the label
- **CLEAN FIRST** prior to **ANY** sanitizing or disinfecting, scrub with soap and water, followed by a water rinse to remove soap and other residue
- **DO NOT** mix bleach solutions with other household chemicals
- **PREPARE** working containers of sanitizing and disinfecting solutions daily
- **DO NOT** use scented, splashless or color-safe bleach
- **OBTAIN and USE** chlorine test strips to verify proper dilution as specified by the manufacturer
- **ASSURE** proper contact time prior to returning item or surface to use
- **CLEARLY LABEL** all working containers, and keep out of reach of children
- **FOLLOW** manufacturer's label instructions for possible required water rinse following the appropriate contact time
- **WHEN YOU USE** a new bottle of bleach, remember to check the manufacturer's label instructions



www.SNHD.info

Bleach Solution

*Strength and usage per manufacturer's instructions on the label

General Purpose, Toys, Diaper Area

= Disinfectant*



**Food Contact Surfaces, Mouth
Contact Items, Infant Toys**

= Sanitizer*

