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5104.01 Definitions

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As used in this chapter:

(A) “Administrator” means the person responsible for the daily operation of a center, type A home, or type B home. The administrator and the owner may be the same person.

(B) “Approved child day camp” means a child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) “Border state child care provider” means a child care provider that is located in a state bordering Ohio and that is licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by that state to provide child care.

(D) “Career pathways model” means an alternative pathway to meeting the requirements to be a child-care staff member or administrator that does both of the following:

(1) Uses a framework approved by the director of job and family services to document formal education, training, experience, and specialized credentials and certifications;

(2) Allows the child-care staff member or administrator to achieve a designation as an early childhood professional level one, two, three, four, five, or six.

(E) “Caretaker parent” means the father or mother of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a person who has legal custody of a child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a guardian of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, and any other person who stands in loco parentis with respect to the child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child.

(F) “Chartered nonpublic school” means a school that meets standards for nonpublic schools prescribed by the state board of education for nonpublic schools pursuant to section 3301.07 of the Revised Code.

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(G) "Child" includes an infant, toddler, preschool-age child, or school-age child.

(H) "Child care block grant act" means the "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990," established in section 5082 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 1388-236 (1990), 42 U.S.C. 9858, as amended.

(I) "Child day camp" means a program in which only school-age children attend or participate, that operates for no more than seven hours per day, that operates only during one or more public school district's regular vacation periods or for no more than fifteen weeks during the summer, and that operates outdoor activities for each child who attends or participates in the program for a minimum of fifty per cent of each day that children attend or participate in the program, except for any day when hazardous weather conditions prevent the program from operating outdoor activities for a minimum of fifty per cent of that day. For purposes of this division, the maximum seven hours of operation time does not include transportation time from a child's home to a child day camp and from a child day camp to a child's home.

(J) "Child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children outside of school hours by persons other than their parents or guardians, custodians, or relatives by blood, marriage, or adoption for any part of the twenty-four-hour day in a place or residence other than a child's own home.

(K) "Child day-care center" and "center" mean any place in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for thirteen or more children at one time or any place that is not the permanent residence of the licensee or administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the center shall be counted. "Child day-care center" and "center" do not include any of the following:

(1) A place located in and operated by a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, in which the needs of children are administered to, if all the children whose needs are being administered to are monitored under the on-site supervision of a physician licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or a registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, and the services are provided only for children who, in the opinion of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, are exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease or other illness or are injured;

(2) A child day camp;

(3) A place that provides child care, but not publicly funded child care, if all of the following apply:

(a) An organized religious body provides the child care;

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(b) A parent, custodian, or guardian of at least one child receiving child care is on the premises and readily accessible at all times;

(c) The child care is not provided for more than thirty days a year;

(d) The child care is provided only for preschool-age and school-age children.

(L) “Child care resource and referral service organization” means a community-based nonprofit organization that provides child care resource and referral services but not child care.

(M) “Child care resource and referral services” means all of the following services:

(1) Maintenance of a uniform data base of all child care providers in the community that are in compliance with this chapter, including current occupancy and vacancy data;

(2) Provision of individualized consumer education to families seeking child care;

(3) Provision of timely referrals of available child care providers to families seeking child care;

(4) Recruitment of child care providers;

(5) Assistance in the development, conduct, and dissemination of training for child care providers and provision of technical assistance to current and potential child care providers, employers, and the community;

(6) Collection and analysis of data on the supply of and demand for child care in the community;

(7) Technical assistance concerning locally, state, and federally funded child care and early childhood education programs;

(8) Stimulation of employer involvement in making child care more affordable, more available, safer, and of higher quality for their employees and for the community;

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(9) Provision of written educational materials to caretaker parents and informational resources to child care providers;

(10) Coordination of services among child care resource and referral service organizations to assist in developing and maintaining a statewide system of child care resource and referral services if required by the department of job and family services;

(11) Cooperation with the county department of job and family services in encouraging the establishment of parent cooperative child care centers and parent cooperative type A family day-care homes.

(N) "Child-care staff member" means an employee of a child day-care center or type A family day-care home who is primarily responsible for the care and supervision of children. The administrator may be a part-time child-care staff member when not involved in other duties.

(O) "Drop-in child day-care center," "drop-in center," "drop-in type A family day-care home," and "drop-in type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for children on a temporary, irregular basis.

(P) "Employee" means a person who either:

(1) Receives compensation for duties performed in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home;

(2) Is assigned specific working hours or duties in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home.

(Q) "Employer" means a person, firm, institution, organization, or agency that operates a child day-care center or type A family day-care home subject to licensure under this chapter.

(R) "Federal poverty line" means the official poverty guideline as revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the person whose income is being determined.

(S) "Head start program" means a comprehensive child development program that receives funds distributed under the "Head Start Act," 95 Stat. 499 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended, and is licensed as a child day-care center.

(T) "Income" means gross income, as defined in section 5107.10 of the Revised Code, less any amounts required by

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federal statutes or regulations to be disregarded.

(U) “Indicator checklist” means an inspection tool, used in conjunction with an instrument-based program monitoring information system, that contains selected licensing requirements that are statistically reliable indicators or predictors of a child day-care center’s type A family day-care home’s, or licensed type B family day-care home’s compliance with licensing requirements.

(V) “Infant” means a child who is less than eighteen months of age.

(W) “In-home aide” means a person who does not reside with the child but provides care in the child’s home and is certified by a county director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.12 of the Revised Code to provide publicly funded child care to a child in a child’s own home pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

(X) “Instrument-based program monitoring information system” means a method to assess compliance with licensing requirements for child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes in which each licensing requirement is assigned a weight indicative of the relative importance of the requirement to the health, growth, and safety of the children that is used to develop an indicator checklist.

(Y) “License capacity” means the maximum number in each age category of children who may be cared for in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home at one time as determined by the director of job and family services considering building occupancy limits established by the department of commerce, amount of available indoor floor space and outdoor play space, and amount of available play equipment, materials, and supplies. For the purposes of a provisional license issued under this chapter, the director shall also consider the number of available child-care staff members when determining “license capacity” for the provisional license.

(Z) “Licensed child care program” means any of the following:

(1) A child day-care center licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(2) A type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(3) A licensed preschool program or licensed school child program.

(AA) “Licensed preschool program” or “licensed school child program” means a preschool program or school child program, as defined in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code, that is licensed by the department of education pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

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(BB) “Licensed type B family day-care home” and “licensed type B home” mean a type B family day-care home for which there is a valid license issued by the director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code.

(CC) “Licensee” means the owner of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home that is licensed pursuant to this chapter and who is responsible for ensuring its compliance with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(DD) “Operate a child day camp” means to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day camp.

(EE) “Owner” includes a person, as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, or government entity.

(FF) “Parent cooperative child day-care center,” “parent cooperative center,” “parent cooperative type A family day-care home,” and “parent cooperative type A home” mean a corporation or association organized for providing educational services to the children of members of the corporation or association, without gain to the corporation or association as an entity, in which the services of the corporation or association are provided only to children of the members of the corporation or association, ownership and control of the corporation or association rests solely with the members of the corporation or association, and at least one parent-member of the corporation or association is on the premises of the center or type A home during its hours of operation.

(GG) “Part-time child day-care center,” “part-time center,” “part-time type A family day-care home,” and “part-time type A home” mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for no more than four hours a day for any child.

(HH) “Place of worship” means a building where activities of an organized religious group are conducted and includes the grounds and any other buildings on the grounds used for such activities.

(II) “Preschool-age child” means a child who is three years old or older but is not a school-age child.

(JJ) “Protective child care” means publicly funded child care for the direct care and protection of a child to whom either of the following applies:

(1) A case plan prepared and maintained for the child pursuant to section 2151.412 of the Revised Code indicates a need for protective care and the child resides with a parent, stepparent, guardian, or another person who stands in loco parentis as defined in rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code;

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(2) The child and the child's caretaker either temporarily reside in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or are determined by the county department of job and family services to be homeless, and are otherwise ineligible for publicly funded child care.

(KK) "Publicly funded child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children under age thirteen during any part of the twenty-four-hour day by persons other than their caretaker parents for remuneration wholly or in part with federal or state funds, including funds available under the child care block grant act, Title IV-A, and Title XX, distributed by the department of job and family services.

(LL) "Religious activities" means any of the following: worship or other religious services; religious instruction; Sunday school classes or other religious classes conducted during or prior to worship or other religious services; youth or adult fellowship activities; choir or other musical group practices or programs; meals; festivals; or meetings conducted by an organized religious group.

(MM) "School-age child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old.

(NN) "School-age child care center" and "school-age child type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care for school-age children only and that does either or both of the following:

(1) Operates only during that part of the day that immediately precedes or follows the public school day of the school district in which the center or type A home is located;

(2) Operates only when the public schools in the school district in which the center or type A home is located are not open for instruction with pupils in attendance.

(OO) "Serious risk noncompliance" means a licensure or certification rule violation that leads to a great risk of harm to, or death of, a child, and is observable, not inferable.

(PP) "State median income" means the state median income calculated by the department of development pursuant to division (A)(1)(g) of section 5709.61 of the Revised Code.

(QQ) "Title IV-A" means Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended.

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(RR) "Title XX" means Title XX of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2337 (1974), 42 U.S.C. 1397, as amended.

(SS) "Toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age.

(TT) "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" mean a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time or a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care is provided for four to twelve children at one time if four or more children at one time are under two years of age. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the type A home shall be counted. "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" do not include any child day camp.

(UU) "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" mean a permanent residence of the provider in which child care is provided for one to six children at one time and in which no more than three children are under two years of age at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to the provider and who are on the premises of the type B home shall be counted. "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" do not include any child day camp.

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5104.011 Operation standards and rules--Repealed

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R.C. § 5104.012

5104.012 Criminal records check; disqualification from employment

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(A)(1) At the times specified in this division, the administrator of a child day-care center or a type A family day-care home shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any applicant who has applied to the center or type A home for employment as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child.

The administrator shall request a criminal records check pursuant to this division at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment and every five years thereafter. When the administrator requests pursuant to this division a criminal records check for an applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment, the administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the applicant, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671, for the person subject to the criminal records check. In all other cases in which the administrator requests a criminal records check for an applicant pursuant to this division, the administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671.

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(2) A person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each applicant a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, provide to each applicant a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from each applicant, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation at the time the person requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section. On and after August 14, 2008, the administrator of a child day-care center or a type A family day-care home shall review the results of the criminal records check before the applicant has sole responsibility for the care, custody, or control of any child.

(3) An applicant who receives pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the applicant's fingerprints, the center or type A home shall not employ that applicant for any position for which a criminal records check is required by division (A)(1) of this section.

(B)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted under division (E) of this section, no child day-care center or type A family day-care home shall employ or contract with another entity for the services of a person as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child if the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(2) A child day-care center or type A family day-care home may employ an applicant conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the center or home receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the center or home shall release the applicant from employment.

(C)(1) Each child day-care center and type A family day-care home shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon the request pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section of the administrator or provider of the center or home.

(2) A child day-care center and type A family day-care home may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the center or home pays under division (C)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under this division, the center or home shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the center or type A home will not consider the applicant for employment.

(D) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in

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accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request under division (A)(1) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's representative; the center or type A home requesting the criminal records check or its representative; the department of job and family services or a county department of job and family services; and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with the denial of employment to the applicant.

(E) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying circumstances under which a center or home may hire a person who has been convicted of an offense listed in division (B)(1) of this section but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the department.

(F) Any person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of the person's initial application for employment, that the person is required to provide a set of impressions of the person's fingerprints and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if the person comes under final consideration for appointment or employment as a precondition to employment for that position.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for appointment to or employment in a position with a child day-care center or a type A family day-care home as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child or any person who would serve in any position with a child day-care center or a type A family day-care home as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child pursuant to a contract with another entity.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.013

5104.013 Criminal records check; disqualification from licensure

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(A)(1) At the times specified in division (A)(3) of this section, the director of job and family services, as part of the process of licensure of child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to the following persons:

(a) Any owner, licensee, or administrator of a child day-care center;

(b) Any owner, licensee, or administrator of a type A family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or

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older who resides in a type A family day-care home;

(c) Any administrator of a licensed type B family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in a licensed type B family day-care home.

(2) At the time specified in division (A)(3) of this section, the director of a county department of job and family services, as part of the process of certification of in-home aides, shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any in-home aide.

(3) The director of job and family services shall request a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section at the time of the initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter. The director of a county department of job and family services shall request a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section at the time of the initial application for certification and every five years thereafter. When the director of job and family services or the director of a county department of job and family services requests pursuant to division (A)(1) or (2) of this section a criminal records check for a person at the time of the person's initial application for licensure or certification, the director shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check. In all other cases in which the director of job and family services or the director of a county department of job and family services requests a criminal records check for an applicant pursuant to division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, the director may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671.

(4) The director of job and family services shall review the results of a criminal records check subsequent to a request made pursuant to divisions (A)(1) and (3) of this section prior to approval of a license. The director of a county department of job and family services shall review the results of a criminal records check subsequent to a request made pursuant to divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section prior to approval of certification.

(B) The director of job and family services or the director of a county department of job and family services shall provide to each person for whom a criminal records check is required under this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from that person, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(C) A person who receives pursuant to division (B) of this section a copy of the form and standard impression sheet described in that division and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the person's fingerprints. If the person, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints, the director may consider the failure as a reason to deny licensure or certification.

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(D) Except as provided in rules adopted under division (G) of this section, the director of job and family services shall not grant a license to a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home and a county director of job and family services shall not certify an in-home aide if a person for whom a criminal records check was required in connection with the center or home previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(E) Each child day-care center, type A family day-care home, and type B family day-care home shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon a request made pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(F) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (A) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative, the director of job and family services, the director of a county department of job and family services, the center, type A home, or type B home involved, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial of licensure or certification related to the criminal records check.

(G) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying exceptions to the prohibition in division (D) of this section for persons who have been convicted of an offense listed in that division but who meet standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the director.

(H) As used in this section, "criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.014

5104.014 Centers for children with temporary illnesses; licensing--Repealed

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5104.015 Operation standards and rules

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The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the operation of child day-care centers, including parent cooperative centers, part-time centers, drop-in centers, and school-age child care centers. The rules shall reflect the various forms of child care and the needs of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care and shall include specific rules for school-age child care centers that are developed in consultation with the department of education. The rules shall not require an existing school facility that is in compliance with applicable building codes to undergo an additional building code inspection or to have structural modifications. The rules shall include the following:

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(A) Submission of a site plan and descriptive plan of operation to demonstrate how the center proposes to meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for the initial license application;

(B) Standards for ensuring that the physical surroundings of the center are safe and sanitary including the physical environment, the physical plant, and the equipment of the center;

(C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;

(D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies, to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible. As used in this division, "program" does not include instruction in religious or moral doctrines, beliefs, or values that is conducted at child day-care centers owned and operated by churches and does include methods of disciplining children at child day-care centers.

(E) Admissions policies and procedures, health care policies and procedures, including procedures for the isolation of children with communicable diseases, first aid and emergency procedures, procedures for discipline and supervision of children, standards for the provision of nutritious meals and snacks, and procedures for screening children and employees, that may include any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(F) Methods for encouraging parental participation in the center and methods for ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and employees are protected and that responsibilities of parents and employees are met;

(G) Procedures for ensuring the safety and adequate supervision of children traveling off the premises of the center while under the care of a center employee;

(H) Procedures for record keeping, organization, and administration;

(I) Procedures for issuing, denying, and revoking a license that are not otherwise provided for in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(J) Inspection procedures;

(K) Procedures and standards for setting initial license application fees;

(L) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints about centers;

(M) Procedures for enforcing section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;

(N) A standard requiring the inclusion of a current department of job and family services toll-free telephone number on each center provisional license or license which any person may use to report a suspected violation by the center of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(O) Requirements for the training of administrators and child-care staff members in first aid, in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases, and in child abuse recognition and prevention. Training requirements for child day-care centers adopted under this division shall be consistent with sections 5104.034 and 5104.037 of the Revised Code.

(P) Standards providing for the special needs of children who are handicapped or who require treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;

(Q) A procedure for reporting of injuries of children that occur at the center;

(R) Standards for licensing child day-care centers for children with short-term illnesses and other temporary medical conditions;

(S) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding child day-care centers.

R.C. § 5104.016

5104.016 Rules establishing minimum requirements for child day-care centers

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The director of job and family services, in addition to the rules adopted under section 5104.015 of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for child day-care centers. The rules shall include the requirements set forth in sections 5104.032 to 5104.037 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 5104.07 of the Revised Code, the rules shall not change the square footage requirements of section 5104.032 of the Revised Code; the maximum number of children per child-care staff member and maximum group size requirements of section 5104.033 of the Revised Code; the educational and experience requirements of section 5104.035 of the Revised Code; the age, educational, and experience requirements of section 5104.036 of the Revised Code; the number and type of inservice training hours required under section 5104.037 of the Revised Code; however, the rules shall provide procedures for determining compliance with those requirements.

R.C. § 5104.017

5104.017 Rules governing the operation of type A family day-care homes

Effective: January 1, 2014

The director of job and family services shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the operation of type A family day-care homes, including parent cooperative type A homes, part-time type A homes, drop-in type A homes, and school-age child type A homes. The rules shall reflect the various forms of child care and the needs of children receiving child care. The rules shall include the following:

(A) Submission of a site plan and descriptive plan of operation to demonstrate how the type A home proposes to meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for the initial license application;

(B) Standards for ensuring that the physical surroundings of the type A home are safe and sanitary, including the physical environment, the physical plant, and the equipment of the type A home;

(C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the type A home;

(D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies, to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible;

(E) Admissions policies and procedures, health care policies and procedures, including procedures for the isolation of children with communicable diseases, first aid and emergency procedures, procedures for discipline and supervision of children, standards for the provision of nutritious meals and snacks, and procedures for screening children and employees, including any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(F) Methods for encouraging parental participation in the type A home and methods for ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and employees are protected and that the responsibilities of parents and employees are met;

(G) Procedures for ensuring the safety and adequate supervision of children traveling off the premises of the type A home while under the care of a type A home employee;

(H) Procedures for record keeping, organization, and administration;

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(I) Procedures for issuing, denying, and revoking a license that are not otherwise provided for in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(J) Inspection procedures;

(K) Procedures and standards for setting initial license application fees;

(L) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints about type A homes;

(M) Procedures for enforcing section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;

(N) A standard requiring the inclusion of a current department of job and family services toll-free telephone number on each type A home license that any person may use to report a suspected violation by the type A home of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(O) Requirements for the training of administrators and child-care staff members in first aid, in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases, and in child abuse recognition and prevention;

(P) Standards providing for the special needs of children who are handicapped or who require treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the type A home;

(Q) Standards for the maximum number of children per child-care staff member;

(R) Requirements for the amount of usable indoor floor space for each child;

(S) Requirements for safe outdoor play space;

(T) Qualifications and training requirements for administrators and for child-care staff members;

(U) Procedures for granting a parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian, or a custodian or guardian access to the type A home during its hours of operation;

(V) Standards for the preparation and distribution of a roster of parents, custodians, and guardians;

(W) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding type A homes.

R.C. § 5104.018

5104.018 Rules governing licensure of type B family day-care homes

Effective: January 1, 2014

The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the licensure of type B family day-care homes. The rules shall provide for safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in a licensed type B family day-care home and shall include all of the following:

(A) Requirements for the type B home to notify parents with children in the type B home that the type B home is certified as a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) Standards for ensuring that the type B home and the physical surroundings of the type B home are safe and sanitary, including physical environment, physical plant, and equipment;

(C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the home;

(D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible;

(E) Admission policies and procedures, health care, first aid and emergency procedures, procedures for the care of sick children, procedures for discipline and supervision of children, nutritional standards, and procedures for screening children and administrators, including any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(F) Methods of encouraging parental participation and ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and administrators are protected and the responsibilities of parents and administrators are met;

(G) Standards for the safe transport of children when under the care of administrators;

(H) Procedures for issuing, denying, or revoking licenses;

(I) Procedures for the inspection of type B homes that require, at a minimum, that each type B home be inspected prior to licensure to ensure that the home is safe and sanitary;

(J) Procedures for record keeping and evaluation;

(K) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints;

(L) Standards providing for the special needs of children who are handicapped or who receive treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the type B home;

(M) Requirements for the amount of usable indoor floor space for each child;

(N) Requirements for safe outdoor play space;

(O) Qualification and training requirements for administrators;

(P) Procedures for granting a parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian, or a custodian or guardian access to the type B home during its hours of operation;

(Q) Requirements for the type B home to notify parents with children in the type B home that the type B home is certified as a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(R) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding licensure of type B homes.

R.C. § 5104.019

5104.019 Rules governing certification of in-home aides

Effective: January 1, 2014

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The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the certification of in-home aides. The rules shall provide for safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of children receiving publicly funded child care in their own home and shall include the following:

(A) Standards for ensuring that the child's home and the physical surroundings of the child's home are safe and sanitary, including physical environment, physical plant, and equipment;

(B) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving publicly funded child care in their own home;

(C) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible;

(D) Health care, first aid, and emergency procedures, procedures for the care of sick children, procedures for discipline and supervision of children, nutritional standards, and procedures for screening children and in-home aides, including any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(E) Methods of encouraging parental participation and ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and in-home aides are protected and the responsibilities of parents and in-home aides are met;

(F) Standards for the safe transport of children when under the care of in-home aides;

(G) Procedures for issuing, renewing, denying, refusing to renew, or revoking certificates;

(H) Procedures for inspection of homes of children receiving publicly funded child care in their own homes;

(I) Procedures for record keeping and evaluation;

(J) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints;

(K) Qualifications and training requirements for in-home aides;

(L) Standards providing for the special needs of children who are handicapped or who receive treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home;

(M) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding certification of in-home aides.

R.C. § 5104.0110

5104.0110 Health care professional defined for rules

Effective: January 1, 2014

To the extent that any rules adopted for the purposes of this chapter require a health care professional to perform a physical examination, the rules shall include as a health care professional a physician assistant, a clinical nurse specialist, a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse-midwife.

R.C. § 5104.0111

5104.0111 Duties of director

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) The director of job and family services shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide or make available in either paper or electronic form to each licensee notice of proposed rules governing the licensure of child day-care centers, type A homes, and type B homes;

(2) Give public notice of hearings regarding the proposed rules at least thirty days prior to the date of the public hearing, in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) At least thirty days before the effective date of a rule, provide, in either paper or electronic form, a copy of the adopted rule to each licensee;

(4) Send to each county director of job and family services a notice of proposed rules governing the certification of in-home aides that includes an internet web site address where the proposed rules can be viewed;

(5) Provide to each county director of job and family services an electronic copy of each adopted rule at least forty-five days prior to the rule's effective date;

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(6) Review all rules adopted pursuant to this chapter at least once every seven years.

(B) The county director of job and family services shall provide or make available in either paper or electronic form to each in-home aide copies of proposed rules and shall give public notice of hearings regarding the rules to each in-home aide at least thirty days prior to the date of the public hearing, in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. At least thirty days before the effective date of a rule, the county director of job and family services shall provide, in either paper or electronic form, copies of the adopted rule to each in-home aide.

(C) Additional copies of proposed and adopted rules shall be made available by the director of job and family services to the public on request at no charge.

(D) The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for imposing sanctions on persons and entities that are licensed or certified under this chapter. Sanctions may be imposed only for an action or omission that constitutes a serious risk noncompliance. The sanctions imposed shall be based on the scope and severity of the violations.

The director shall make a dispute resolution process available for the implementation of sanctions. The process may include an opportunity for appeal pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(E) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish standards for the training of individuals who inspect or investigate type B family day-care homes pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The department shall provide training in accordance with those standards for individuals in the categories described in this division.

R.C. § 5104.0112

5104.0112 Prohibited regulation

Effective: January 1, 2014

Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code, the director of job and family services shall not regulate in any way under this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, instruction in religious or moral doctrines, beliefs, or values.

R.C. § 5104.02

5104.02 Prohibition against operating child day-care center without license; exemptions

Effective: September 29, 2013

(A) The director of job and family services is responsible for the licensing of child day-care centers and type A

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family day-care homes. Each entity operating a head start program shall meet the criteria for, and be licensed as, a child day-care center. The director is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and of rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day-care center or type A family day-care home without a license issued under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The current license shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the center or type A home that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees of the center or type A home at all times when the center or type A home is in operation.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the requirements of this chapter:

(1) A program of child care that operates for two or less consecutive weeks;

(2) Child care in places of worship during religious activities during which children are cared for while at least one parent, guardian, or custodian of each child is participating in such activities and is readily available;

(3) Religious activities which do not provide child care;

(4) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children in specific areas, including, but not limited to: art; drama; dance; music; gymnastics, swimming, or another athletic skill or sport; computers; or an educational subject conducted on an organized or periodic basis no more than one day a week and for no more than six hours duration;

(5) Programs in which the director determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child is on the premises of the facility offering child care and is readily accessible at all times, except that child care provided on the premises at which a parent, custodian, or guardian is employed more than two and one-half hours a day shall be licensed in accordance with division (A) of this section;

(6)(a) Programs that provide child care funded and regulated or operated and regulated by state departments other than the department of job and family services or the state board of education when the director of job and family services has determined that the rules governing the program are equivalent to or exceed the rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

Notwithstanding any exemption from regulation under this chapter, each state department shall submit to the director of job and family services a copy of the rules that govern programs that provide child care and are regulated or operated and regulated by the department. Annually, each state department shall submit to the director a report for each such program it regulates or operates and regulates that includes the following information:

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(i) The site location of the program;

(ii) The maximum number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children served by the program at one time;

(iii) The number of adults providing child care for the number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children;

(iv) Any changes in the rules made subsequent to the time when the rules were initially submitted to the director.

The director shall maintain a record of the child care information submitted by other state departments and shall provide this information upon request to the general assembly or the public.

(b) Child care programs conducted by boards of education or by chartered nonpublic schools that are conducted in school buildings and that provide child care to school-age children only shall be exempt from meeting or exceeding rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

(7) Any preschool program or school child program, except a head start program, that is subject to licensure by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(8) Any program providing child care that meets all of the following requirements and, on October 20, 1987, was being operated by a nonpublic school that holds a charter issued by the state board of education for kindergarten only:

(a) The nonpublic school has given the notice to the state board and the director of job and family services required by Section 4 of Substitute House Bill No. 253 of the 117th general assembly;

(b) The nonpublic school continues to be chartered by the state board for kindergarten, or receives and continues to hold a charter from the state board for kindergarten through grade five;

(c) The program is conducted in a school building;

(d) The program is operated in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board under sections 3301.52 to 3301.57 of the Revised Code.

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(9) A youth development program operated outside of school hours by a community-based center to which all of the following apply:

(a) The children enrolled in the program are under nineteen years of age and enrolled in or eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above.

(b) The program provides informal child care, which is child care that does not require parental signature, permission, or notice for the child receiving the care to enter or leave the program;

(c) The program provides any of the following supervised activities: educational, recreational, culturally enriching, social, and personal development activities.

(d) The program is eligible for participation in the child and adult care food program as an outside-school-hours care center pursuant to standards established under section 3313.813 of the Revised Code.

(e) The community-based center operating the program is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3).

(10) A preschool program operated by a nonchartered, nontax-supported school if the preschool program meets all of the following conditions:

(a) The program complies with state and local health, fire, and safety laws.

(b) The program annually certifies in a report to the parents of its pupils that the school is in compliance with division (B)(10)(a) of this section and files a copy of the report with the department of job and family services on or before the thirtieth day of September of each year.

(c) The program complies with all applicable reporting requirements in the same manner as required by the state board of education for nonchartered, nonpublic primary and secondary schools.

(d) The program is associated with a nonchartered, nontax-supported primary or secondary school.

R.C. § 5104.021

5104.021 Licensure of youth development program

Effective: September 29, 2013

The director of job and family services may issue a child day-care center or type A family day-care home license to a youth development program that is exempted by division (B)(9) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code from the requirements of this chapter if the youth development program applies for and meets all of the requirements for the license.

R.C. § 5104.022

5104.022 Bars to licensure or certification

Effective: January 1, 2014

In no case shall the director of job and family services issue a license to operate a type A family day-care home if the type A home is certified as a foster home or specialized foster home pursuant to Chapter 5103. of the Revised Code. In no case shall the director issue a license to operate a type B family day-care home if the type B home is certified as a specialized foster home pursuant to Chapter 5103. of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.03

5104.03 Application and issuance of license; inspections; search of uniform statewide automated child welfare information system; employment status of administrator of type B family day-care home

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) Any person, firm, organization, institution, or agency seeking to establish a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home shall apply for a license to the director of job and family services on such form as the director prescribes. The director shall provide at no charge to each applicant for licensure a copy of the child care license requirements in this chapter and a copy of the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. The copies may be provided in paper or electronic form.

Fees shall be set by the director pursuant to sections 5104.015, 5104.017, and 5104.018 of the Revised Code and shall be paid at the time of application for a license to operate a center, type A home, or type B home. Fees collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(B)(1) Upon filing of the application for a license, the director shall investigate and inspect the center, type A home, or type B home to determine the license capacity for each age category of children of the center, type A home, or type B home and to determine whether the center, type A home, or type B home complies with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. When, after investigation and inspection, the director is satisfied that this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to it are complied with, subject to division (H) of this section, a license shall be issued as soon as practicable in such form and manner as prescribed by the director. The license shall be designated as provisional and shall be valid for twelve months from the date of issuance unless revoked.

(2) The director may contract with a government entity or a private nonprofit entity for the entity to inspect and license type B family day-care homes pursuant to this section. The department, government entity, or nonprofit entity shall conduct the inspection prior to the issuance of a license for the type B home and, as part of that inspection, ensure that the type B home is safe and sanitary.

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(C)(1) On receipt of an application for licensure as a type B family day-care home to provide publicly funded child care, the department shall search the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system for information concerning any abuse or neglect report made pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code of which the applicant, any other adult residing in the applicant's home, or a person designated by the applicant to be an emergency or substitute caregiver for the applicant is the subject.

(2) The department shall consider any information it discovers pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section or that is provided by a public children services agency pursuant to section 5153.175 of the Revised Code. If the department determines that the information, when viewed within the totality of the circumstances, reasonably leads to the conclusion that the applicant may directly or indirectly endanger the health, safety, or welfare of children, the department shall deny the application for licensure or revoke the license of a type B family day-care home.

(D) The director shall investigate and inspect the center, type A home, or type B home at least once during operation under a license designated as provisional. If after the investigation and inspection the director determines that the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are met, subject to division (H) of this section, the director shall issue a new license to the center or home.

(E) Each license shall state the name of the licensee, the name of the administrator, the address of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, and the license capacity for each age category of children. The license shall include thereon, in accordance with sections 5104.015, 5104.017, and 5104.018 of the Revised Code, the toll-free telephone number to be used by persons suspecting that the center, type A home, or licensed type B home has violated a provision of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. A license is valid only for the licensee, administrator, address, and license capacity for each age category of children designated on the license. The license capacity specified on the license is the maximum number of children in each age category that may be cared for in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home at one time.

The center or type A home licensee shall notify the director when the administrator of the center or home changes. The director shall amend the current license to reflect a change in an administrator, if the administrator meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, or a change in license capacity for any age category of children as determined by the director of job and family services.

(F) If the director revokes the license of a center, a type A home, or a type B home, the director shall not issue another license to the owner of the center, type A home, or type B home until five years have elapsed from the date the license is revoked.

If the director denies an application for a license, the director shall not accept another application from the applicant until five years have elapsed from the date the application is denied.

(G) If during the application for licensure process the director determines that the license of the owner has been revoked, the investigation of the center, type A home, or type B home shall cease. This action does not constitute denial of the application and may not be appealed under division (H) of this section.

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(H) All actions of the director with respect to licensing centers, type A homes, or type B homes, refusal to license, and revocation of a license shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Any applicant who is denied a license or any owner whose license is revoked may appeal in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(I) In no case shall the director issue a license under this section for a center, type A home, or type B home if the director, based on documentation provided by the appropriate county department of job and family services, determines that the applicant had been certified as a type B family day-care home when such certifications were issued by county departments prior to January 1, 2014, that the county department revoked that certification within the immediately preceding five years, that the revocation was based on the applicant's refusal or inability to comply with the criteria for certification, and that the refusal or inability resulted in a risk to the health or safety of children.

(J)(1) Except as provided in division (J)(2) of this section, an administrator of a type B family day-care home that receives a license pursuant to this section to provide publicly funded child care is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the department of job and family services.

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, determinations concerning the employment of an administrator of a type B family day-care home that receives a license pursuant to this section shall be determined under Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.031

5104.031 Administrator of child day-care center; qualifications--Repealed

Effective: January 1, 2014

R.C. § 5104.032

5104.032 Space requirements

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) The child day-care center shall have, for each child for whom the center is licensed, at least thirty-five square feet of usable indoor floor space wall-to-wall regularly available for the child care operation exclusive of any parts of the structure in which the care of children is prohibited by law or by rules adopted by the board of building standards. The minimum of thirty-five square feet of usable indoor floor space shall not include hallways, kitchens, storage areas, or any other areas that are not available for the care of children, as determined by the director, in meeting the space requirement of this division, and bathrooms shall be counted in determining square footage only if they are used exclusively by children enrolled in the center, except that the exclusion of hallways, kitchens, storage areas, bathrooms not used exclusively by children enrolled in the center, and any other areas not available for the care of children from the minimum of thirty-five square feet of usable indoor floor space shall not apply to:

(1) Centers licensed prior to or on September 1, 1986, that continue under licensure after that date;

(2) Centers licensed prior to or on September 1, 1986, that are issued a new license after that date solely due to a change of ownership of the center.

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(B) The child day-care center shall have on the site a safe outdoor play space which is enclosed by a fence or otherwise protected from traffic or other hazards. The play space shall contain not less than sixty square feet per child using such space at any one time, and shall provide an opportunity for supervised outdoor play each day in suitable weather. The director may exempt a center from the requirement of this division, if an outdoor play space is not available and if all of the following are met:

(1) The center provides an indoor recreation area that has not less than sixty square feet per child using the space at any one time, that has a minimum of one thousand four hundred forty square feet of space, and that is separate from the indoor space required under division (A) of this section.

(2) The director has determined that there is regularly available and scheduled for use a conveniently accessible and safe park, playground, or similar outdoor play area for play or recreation.

(3) The children are closely supervised during play and while traveling to and from the area.

The director also shall exempt from the requirement of this division a child day-care center that was licensed prior to September 1, 1986, if the center received approval from the director prior to September 1, 1986, to use a park, playground, or similar area, not connected with the center, for play or recreation in lieu of the outdoor space requirements of this section and if the children are closely supervised both during play and while traveling to and from the area and except if the director determines upon investigation and inspection pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to that section that the park, playground, or similar area, as well as access to and from the area, is unsafe for the children.

R.C. § 5104.033

5104.033 Staffing requirements

Effective: January 1, 2014

A child day-care center shall have at least two responsible adults available on the premises at all times when seven or more children are in the center. The center shall organize the children in the center in small groups, shall provide child-care staff to give continuity of care and supervision to the children on a day-by-day basis, and shall ensure that no child is left alone or unsupervised. Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the maximum number of children per child-care staff member and maximum group size, by age category of children, are as follows:

Maximum Number
of

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Age Category of Children	Children Per Child-Care Staff Member	Maximum Group Size
(a) Infants:		
(i) Less than twelve months old	5:1, or 12:2 if two child-care staff members are in the room	12
(ii) At least twelve months old, but less than eighteen months old	6:1	12
(b) Toddlers:		
(i) At least eighteen months old, but less than thirty months old	7:1	14
(ii) At least thirty months old, but less than three years old	8:1	16
(c) Preschool-age children:		
(i) Three years old	12:1	24
(ii) Four years old and five years old who are not school children	14:1	28
(d) School-age children:		
(i) A child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above, but is less than eleven years old	18:1	36
(ii) Eleven through fourteen years old	20:1	40

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the maximum number of children per child-care staff member and maximum group size requirements of the younger age group shall apply when age groups are combined.

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(B)(1)¹ When age groups are combined, the maximum number of children per child-care staff member shall be determined by the age of the youngest child in the group, except that when no more than one child thirty months of age or older receives services in a group in which all the other children are in the next older age group, the maximum number of children per child-care staff member and maximum group size requirements of the older age group established under division (A) of this section shall apply.

(2) The maximum number of toddlers or preschool-age children per child-care staff member in a room where children are napping shall be twice the maximum number of children per child-care staff member established under division (A) of this section if all the following criteria are met:

(a) At least one child-care staff member is present in the room.

(b) Sufficient child-care staff members are on the child day-care center premises to meet the maximum number of children per child-care staff member requirements established under division (A) of this section.

(c) Naptime preparations are complete and all napping children are resting or sleeping on cots.

(d) The maximum number established under division (B)(2) of this section is in effect for no more than two hours during a twenty-four-hour day.

R.C. § 5104.034

5104.034 Specialty staff required for child day-care centers

Effective: January 1, 2014

Each child day-care center shall have on the center premises and readily available at all times at least one child-care staff member who has completed a course in first aid, one staff member who has completed a course in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases which is approved by the state department of health, and a staff member who has completed a course in child abuse recognition and prevention training which is approved by the department of job and family services.

R.C. § 5104.035

Formerly cited as OH ST § 5104.031

5104.035 Administrator of child day-care center; qualifications

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) A child day-care center administrator shall show the director of job and family services both of the following:

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(1) Evidence of at least high school graduation or certification of high school equivalency by the state board of education or the appropriate agency of another state;

(2) Evidence of having at least one of the following:

(a) An associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or other postgraduate degree in child development or early childhood education, or in a related field approved by the director, from an accredited college, university, or technical college;

(b) A license designated as appropriate for teaching in an associate teaching position in a preschool setting issued by the state board of education pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(c) Designation under the career pathways model as an early childhood professional level three;

(d) Two years of experience working as a child-care staff member in a licensed child care program, designation under the career pathways model as an early childhood professional level one, and, not later than one year after being named as administrator, designation under the career pathways model as an early childhood professional level two;

(e) Two years of experience working as a child-care staff member in a licensed child care program and, except as provided in division (B) of this section, at least four courses in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college;

(f) Two years of experience working as a child-care staff member in a licensed child care program and a child development associate credential issued by the council for professional recognition;

(g) Two years of training, including at least four courses in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college;

(h) An infant and toddler or early childhood credential from a program accredited by the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education.

(B) A person who has two years of experience working as a child-care staff member in a child day-care center and is promoted to or designated as administrator of that center shall have one year from the date of the promotion or designation to complete the courses required by division (A)(1)(e) of this section.

R.C. § 5104.036

Formerly cited as OH ST § 5104.032

5104.036 Child-care staff member qualifications

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) All child-care staff members of a child day-care center shall be at least eighteen years of age, and shall furnish the director of job and family services evidence of at least high school graduation or certification of high school equivalency by the state board of education or the appropriate agency of another state or evidence of completion of a training program approved by the department of job and family services or state board of education, except as follows:

(B) A child-care staff member may be less than eighteen years of age if the staff member is either of the following:

(1) A graduate of a two-year vocational child-care training program approved by the state board of education;

(2) A student enrolled in the second year of a vocational child-care training program approved by the state board of education which leads to high school graduation, provided that the student performs the student's duties in the child day-care center under the continuous supervision of an experienced child-care staff member, receives periodic supervision from the vocational child-care training program teacher-coordinator in the student's high school, and meets all other requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(C) A child-care staff member shall be exempt from the educational requirements of division (A) of this section if the staff member:

(1) Prior to January 1, 1972, was employed or designated by a child day-care center and has been continuously employed since either by the same child day-care center employer or at the same child day-care center;

(2) Is a student enrolled in the second year of a vocational child-care training program approved by the state board of education which leads to high school graduation, provided that the student performs the student's duties in the child day-care center under the continuous supervision of an experienced child-care staff member, receives periodic supervision from the vocational child-care training program teacher-coordinator in the student's high school, and meets all other requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(3) Is receiving or has completed the final year of instruction at home as authorized under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code R.C. § 5104.037

Formerly cited as OH ST § 5104.033

5104.037 Inservice training for child-care staff members of child day-care center

Effective: January 1, 2014

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, each child-care staff member of a child day-care center annually shall complete fifteen hours of inservice training that includes the following subjects until the staff member has completed a total of forty-five hours of training:

(1) Child development or early childhood education;

(2) Child abuse recognition and prevention;

(3) First aid;

(4) Prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases.

(B) A child-care staff member is exempt from the inservice training requirements established by division (A) of this section if the staff member furnishes one of the following to the director of job and family services:

(1) Evidence of an associate or higher degree in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college;

(2) A license designated for teaching in an associate teaching position in a preschool setting issued by the state board of education;

(3) Evidence of a child development associate credential;

(4) Evidence of an infant and toddler or early childhood credential from a program accredited by the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education.

(C) For purposes of this section, each hour of inservice training shall consist of sixty minutes of training.

R.C. § 5104.038

5104.038 Records

Effective: January 1, 2014

The administrator of each child day-care center shall maintain enrollment, health, and attendance records for all children attending the center and health and employment records for all center employees. The records shall be confidential, except that they shall be disclosed by the administrator to the director upon request for the purpose of administering and enforcing this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. Neither the center nor the licensee, administrator, or employees of the center shall be civilly or criminally liable in damages or otherwise for records disclosed to the director by the administrator pursuant to this division. It shall be a defense to any civil or criminal charge based upon records disclosed by the administrator to the director that the records were disclosed pursuant to this division.

R.C. § 5104.039

5104.039 Unlimited access for parents and legal custodians of enrolled children

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) Any parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian of a child enrolled in a child day-care center and any custodian or guardian of such a child shall be permitted unlimited access to the center during its hours of operation for the purposes of contacting their children, evaluating the care provided by the center, evaluating the premises of the center, or for other purposes approved by the director. A parent of a child enrolled in a child day-care center who is not the child's residential parent shall be permitted unlimited access to the center during its hours of operation for those purposes under the same terms and conditions under which the residential parent of that child is permitted access to the center for those purposes. However, the access of the parent who is not the residential parent is subject to any agreement between the parents and, to the extent described in division (B) of this section, is subject to any terms and conditions limiting the right of access of the parent who is not the residential parent, as described in division (I) of section 3109.051 of the Revised Code, that are contained in a parenting time order or decree issued under that section, section 3109.12 of the Revised Code, or any other provision of the Revised Code.

(B) If a parent who is the residential parent of a child has presented the administrator or the administrator's designee with a copy of a parenting time order that limits the terms and conditions under which the parent who is not the residential parent is to have access to the center, as described in division (I) of section 3109.051 of the Revised Code, the parent who is not the residential parent shall be provided access to the center only to the extent authorized in the order. If the residential parent has presented such an order, the parent who is not the residential parent shall be permitted access to the center only in accordance with the most recent order that has been presented to the administrator or the administrator's designee by the residential parent or the parent who is not the residential parent.

(C) Upon entering the premises pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section, the parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian, the parent who is not the residential parent, or the custodian or guardian shall notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of the parent's, custodian's, or guardian's presence.

R.C. § 5104.04

5104.04 Inspection and enforcement; noncompliance; revocation of license; appeal; injunction

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) The department of job and family services shall establish procedures to be followed in investigating, inspecting, and licensing child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes.

(B)(1)(a) The department shall, at least once during every twelve-month period of operation of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, inspect the center, type A home, or licensed type B home. The department shall inspect a part-time center or part-time type A home at least once during every twelve-month period of operation. The department shall provide a written inspection report to the licensee within a reasonable time after each inspection. The licensee shall display its most recent inspection report in a conspicuous place in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home.

Inspections may be unannounced. No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall interfere with the inspection of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home by any state or local official engaged in performing duties required of the state or local official by this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, including inspecting the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, reviewing records, or interviewing licensees, employees, children, or parents.

(b) Upon receipt of any complaint that a center, type A home or licensed type B home is out of compliance with the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the department shall investigate the center or home, and both of the following apply:

(i) If the complaint alleges that a child suffered physical harm while receiving child care at the center or home or that the noncompliance alleged in the complaint involved, resulted in, or poses a substantial risk of physical harm to a child receiving child care at the center or home, the department shall inspect the center or home.

(ii) If division (B)(1)(b)(i) of this section does not apply regarding the complaint, the department may inspect the center or home.

(c) Division (B)(1)(b) of this section does not limit, restrict, or negate any duty of the department to inspect a center, type A home, or licensed type B home that otherwise is imposed under this section, or any authority of the department to inspect a center, type A home, or licensed type B home that otherwise is granted under this section when the department believes the inspection is necessary and it is permitted under the grant.

(2) If the department implements an instrument-based program monitoring information system, it may use an indicator checklist to comply with division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The department shall contract with a third party by the first day of October in each even-numbered year to collect information concerning the amounts charged by the center or home for providing child care services for use in establishing reimbursement ceilings and payment pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code. The third party shall compile the information and report the results of the survey to the department not later than the first day of December in each even-numbered year.

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(C) The department may deny an application or revoke a license of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, if the applicant knowingly makes a false statement on the application, the center or home does not comply with the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, or the applicant or owner has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of an offense described in section 5104.09 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the department finds, after notice and hearing pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that any applicant, person, firm, organization, institution, or agency applying for licensure or licensed under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code is in violation of any provision of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the department may issue an order of denial to the applicant or an order of revocation to the center, type A home, or licensed type B home revoking the license previously issued by the department. Upon the issuance of such an order, the person whose application is denied or whose license is revoked may appeal in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(E) The surrender of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home license to the department or the withdrawal of an application for licensure by the owner or administrator of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall not prohibit the department from instituting any of the actions set forth in this section.

(F) Whenever the department receives a complaint, is advised, or otherwise has any reason to believe that a center or type A home is providing child care without a license issued pursuant to section 5104.03 and is not exempt from licensing pursuant to section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the department shall investigate the center or type A home and may inspect the areas children have access to or areas necessary for the care of children in the center or type A home during suspected hours of operation to determine whether the center or type A home is subject to the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(G) The department, upon determining that the center or type A home is operating without a license, shall notify the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the center or type A home is located, or the city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which the center or type A home is located, that the center or type A home is operating without a license. Upon receipt of the notification, the attorney general, prosecuting attorney, city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of a municipal corporation shall file a complaint in the court of common pleas of the county in which the center or type A home is located requesting that the court grant an order enjoining the owner from operating the center or type A home in violation of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code. The court shall grant such injunctive relief upon a showing that the respondent named in the complaint is operating a center or type A home and is doing so without a license.

(H) The department shall prepare an annual report on inspections conducted under this section. The report shall include the number of inspections conducted, the number and types of violations found, and the steps taken to address the violations. The department shall file the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives on or before the first day of January of each year, beginning in 1999.

R.C. § 5104.041

5104.041 Liability insurance

Effective: January 1, 2014

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(A) All type A family day-care homes and licensed type B family day-care homes shall procure and maintain one of the following:

(1) Liability insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in this state under Chapter 3905. of the Revised Code insuring the type A or type B family day-care home against liability arising out of, or in connection with, the operation of the family day-care home. The insurance procured shall cover any cause for which the type A or type B family day-care home would be liable, in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars per occurrence and three hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate.

(2) A written statement signed by the parent, guardian, or custodian of each child receiving child care from the type A or type B family day-care home that states all of the following:

(a) The family day-care home does not carry liability insurance described in division (A)(1) of this section;

(b) If the licensee of a type A family day-care home or a type B family day-care home is not the owner of the real property where the family day-care home is located, the liability insurance, if any, of the owner of the real property may not provide for coverage of any liability arising out of, or in connection with, the operation of the family day-care home.

(B) If the licensee of a type A family day-care home or a type B family day-care home is not the owner of the real property where the family day-care home is located and the family day-care home procures liability insurance described in division (A)(1) of this section, that licensee shall name the owner of the real property as an additional insured party on the liability insurance policy if all of the following apply:

(1) The owner of the real property requests the licensee or provider, in writing, to add the owner of the real property to the liability insurance policy as an additional insured party.

(2) The addition of the owner of the real property does not result in cancellation or nonrenewal of the insurance policy procured by the type A or type B family day-care home.

(3) The owner of the real property pays any additional premium assessed for coverage of the owner of the real property.

(C) Proof of insurance or written statement required under division (A) of this section shall be maintained at the type A or type B family day-care home and made available for review during inspection or investigation as required under this chapter.

(D) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules for the enforcement of this section.

R.C. § 5104.05

5104.05 Building, fire prevention, and food service approval

Effective: September 29, 2011

(A) The director of job and family services shall issue a license or provisional license for the operation of a child day-care center, if the director finds, after investigation of the applicant and inspection of the center, that other requirements of this chapter, rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter, and the following requirements are met:

(1) The buildings in which the center is housed, subsequent to any major modification, have been approved by the department of commerce or a certified municipal, township, or county building department for the purpose of operating a child day-care center. Any structure used for the operation of a center shall be constructed, equipped, repaired, altered, and maintained in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code and with regulations adopted by the board of building standards under Chapter 3781. of the Revised Code and this division for the safety and sanitation of structures erected for this purpose.

(2) The state fire marshal or the fire chief or fire prevention officer of the municipal corporation or township in which the center is located has inspected the center annually within the preceding license period and has found the center to be in compliance with rules promulgated by the fire marshal pursuant to section 3737.83 of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and fire safety in a child day-care center.

(3) The center has received a food service operation license under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code if meals are to be served to children other than children of the licensee or administrator, whether or not a consideration is received for the meals.

(B) The director of job and family services shall issue a license or provisional license for the operation of a type A family day-care home, if the director finds, after investigation of the applicant and inspection of the type A home, that other requirements of this chapter, rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter, and the following requirements are met:

(1) The state fire marshal or the fire chief or fire prevention officer of the municipal corporation or township in which the type A family day-care home is located has inspected the type A home annually within the preceding license period and has found the type A home to be in compliance with rules promulgated by the fire marshal pursuant to section 3737.83 of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and fire safety in a type A home.

(2) The type A home is in compliance with rules set by the director of job and family services in cooperation with the director of health pursuant to section 3701.80 of the Revised Code regarding meal preparation and meal service in the home. The director of job and family services, in accordance with procedures recommended by the director of

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health, shall inspect each type A home to determine compliance with those rules.

(3) The type A home is in compliance with rules promulgated by the director of job and family services in cooperation with the board of building standards regarding safety and sanitation pursuant to section 3781.10 of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.051

5104.051 Agency responsible for inspections

Effective: September 10, 2012

(A)(1) The department of commerce is responsible for the inspections of child day-care centers as required by division (A)(1) of section 5104.05 of the Revised Code. Where there is a municipal, township, or county building department certified under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise enforcement authority with respect to the category of building occupancy which includes day-care centers, all inspections required under division (A)(1) of section 5104.05 of the Revised Code shall be made by that department according to the standards established by the board of building standards. Inspections in areas of the state where there is no municipal, township, or county building department certified under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise enforcement authority with respect to the category of building occupancy which includes day-care centers shall be made by personnel of the department of commerce. Inspections of centers shall be contingent upon payment of a fee by the applicant to the department having jurisdiction to inspect.

(2) The department of commerce is responsible for the inspections of type A family day-care homes as required by division (B)(3) of section 5104.05 of the Revised Code. Where there is a municipal, township, or county building department certified under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise enforcement authority with respect to the category of building occupancy which includes type A homes, all inspections required under division (B)(3) of section 5104.05 of the Revised Code shall be made by that department according to the standards established by the board of building standards. Inspections in areas of the state where there is no municipal, township, or county building department certified under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise enforcement authority with respect to the category of building occupancy which includes type A homes shall be made by personnel of the department of commerce. Inspections of type A homes shall be contingent upon payment of a fee by the applicant to the department having jurisdiction to inspect.

(B) The state fire marshal is responsible for the inspections required by divisions (A)(2) and (B)(1) of section 5104.05 of the Revised Code. In municipal corporations and in townships outside municipal corporations where there is a fire prevention official, the inspections shall be made by the fire chief or the fire prevention official under the supervision of and according to the standards established by the state fire marshal. In townships outside municipal corporations where there is no fire prevention official, inspections shall be made by the employees of the state fire marshal.

(C) The state fire marshal shall enforce all statutes and rules pertaining to fire safety and fire prevention in child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes. In the event of a dispute between the state fire marshal and any other responsible officer under sections 5104.05 and 5104.051 of the Revised Code with respect to the interpretation or application of a specific fire safety statute or rule, the interpretation of the state fire marshal shall prevail.

(D) As used in this division, “licensor” has the same meaning as in section 3717.01 of the Revised Code.

The licensor for food service operations in the city or general health district in which the center is located is responsible for the inspections required under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code.

(E) Any moneys collected by the department of commerce under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.052

5104.052 Rules for fire prevention and fire safety

Effective: January 1, 2014

The director of job and family services, in cooperation with the fire marshal pursuant to section 3737.22 of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules regarding fire prevention and fire safety in licensed type B family day-care homes. In accordance with those rules, the director shall inspect each type B home that applies to be licensed that is providing or is to provide publicly funded child care.

R.C. § 5104.053

5104.053 Inspection of uncertified homes as precondition of approval for federal funds

Effective: January 1, 2014

As a precondition of approval by the state board of education pursuant to section 3313.813 of the Revised Code for receipt of United States department of agriculture child and adult care food program funds established under the “National School Lunch Act,” 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, the provider of child care in a type B family day-care home that is not licensed by the director of job and family services shall request an inspection of the type B home by the fire marshal, who shall inspect the type B home pursuant to section 3737.22 of the Revised Code to determine that it is in compliance with rules established pursuant to section 5104.052 of the Revised Code for licensed type B homes.

R.C. § 5104.054

5104.054 Certified and uncertified homes considered residential use of property for zoning purposes

Effective: January 1, 2014

Any type B family day-care home, whether licensed or not licensed by the director of job and family services, shall be considered to be a residential use of property for purposes of municipal, county, and township zoning and shall be a permitted use in all zoning districts in which residential uses are permitted. No municipal, county, or township zoning regulations shall require a conditional use permit or any other special exception certification for any such type B family day-care home.

R.C. § 5104.06

5104.06 Consultation, technical assistance, and training

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) The director of job and family services shall provide consultation, technical assistance, and training to child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and type B family day-care homes to improve programs and facilities providing child care. As part of these activities, the director shall provide assistance in meeting the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter and shall furnish information regarding child abuse identification and reporting of child abuse.

(B) The director of job and family services shall provide consultation and technical assistance to county departments of job and family services to assist the departments with the implementation of certification of in-home aides.

R.C. § 5104.061

5104.061 Minimum requirements for part-time centers--Repealed

R.C. § 5104.07

5104.07 Additional requirements; child care resource and referral services plan

(A) The director of job and family services may prescribe additional requirements for licensing child day-care centers or type A family day-care homes that provide publicly funded child care pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it. The director shall develop standards as required by federal laws and regulations for child care programs supported by federal funds.

(B)(1) On or before February 28, 1992, the department of job and family services shall develop a statewide plan for child care resource and referral services. The plan shall be based upon the experiences of other states with respect to child care resource and referral services, the experiences of communities in this state that have child care resource and referral service organizations, and the needs of communities in this state that do not have child care resource and referral service organizations. The plan shall be designed to ensure that child care resource and referral services are available in each county in the state to families who need child care. The department shall consider the special needs of migrant workers when it develops the plan and shall include in the plan procedures designed to accommodate the needs of migrant workers.

(2) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules for funding child care resource and referral service organizations. The rules shall include all of the following:

(a) A description of the services that a child care resource and referral service organization is required to provide to

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families who need child care;

(b) The qualifications for a child care resource and referral service organization;

(c) A description of the procedures for providing federal and state funding for county or multicounty child care resource and referral service organizations;

(d) A timetable for providing child care resource and referral services to all communities in the state;

(e) Uniform information gathering and reporting procedures that are designed to be used in compatible computer systems;

(f) Procedures for establishing statewide nonprofit technical assistance services to coordinate uniform data collection and to publish reports on child care supply, demand, and cost and to provide technical assistance to communities that do not have child care resource and referral service organizations and to existing child care resource and referral service organizations;

(g) Requirements governing contracts entered into under division (C) of this section, which may include limits on the percentage of funds distributed by the department that may be used for the contracts.

(C) Child care resource and referral service organizations receiving funds distributed by the department may, in accordance with rules adopted under division (B)(2) of this section, enter into contracts with local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations including nonprofit organizations that provide child care, and individuals under which the entities, organizations, or individuals may provide child care resource and referral services in the community with those funds, if the contracts are submitted to and approved by the department prior to execution.

R.C. § 5104.08

5104.08 Child care advisory council

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) There is hereby created in the department of job and family services a child care advisory council to advise and assist the department in the administration of this chapter and in the development of child care. The council shall consist of twenty-two voting members appointed by the director of job and family services with the approval of the governor. The director of job and family services, the director of developmental disabilities, the director of mental health and addiction services, the superintendent of public instruction, the director of health, the director of commerce, and the state fire marshal shall serve as nonvoting members of the council.

Six members shall be representatives of child care centers subject to licensing, the members to represent a variety of

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centers, including nonprofit and proprietary, from different geographical areas of the state. At least three members shall be parents, guardians, or custodians of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the child's own home, a center, a type A home, a head start program, a licensed type B home, or a type B home at the time of appointment. Three members shall be representatives of in-home aides, type A homes, licensed type B homes, or type B homes or head start programs. At least six members shall represent county departments of job and family services. The remaining members shall be representatives of the teaching, child development, and health professions, and other individuals interested in the welfare of children. At least six members of the council shall not be employees or licensees of a child day-care center, head start program, or type A home, or providers operating a licensed type B home or type B home, or in-home aides.

Appointments shall be for three-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. A member of the council is subject to removal by the director of job and family services for a willful and flagrant exercise of authority or power that is not authorized by law, for a refusal or willful neglect to perform any official duty as a member of the council imposed by law, or for being guilty of misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or gross neglect of duty as a member of the council.

There shall be two co-chairpersons of the council. One co-chairperson shall be the director of job and family services or the director's designee, and one co-chairperson shall be elected by the members of the council. The council shall meet as often as is necessary to perform its duties, provided that it shall meet at least once in each quarter of each calendar year and at the call of the co-chairpersons. The co-chairpersons or their designee shall send to each member a written notice of the date, time, and place of each meeting.

Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

(B) The child care advisory council shall advise the director on matters affecting the licensing of centers, type A homes, and type B homes and the certification of in-home aides. The council shall make an annual report to the director of job and family services that addresses the availability, affordability, accessibility, and quality of child care and that summarizes the recommendations and plans of action that the council has proposed to the director during the preceding fiscal year. The director of job and family services shall provide copies of the report to the governor, speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, and the president and minority leader of the senate and, on request, shall make copies available to the public.

(C) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

R.C. § 5104.081

5104.081 Employee to manage and oversee child care functions

The department of job and family services shall employ at least one senior-level, full-time employee who shall manage and oversee all child care functions under the authority of the department.

R.C. § 5104.09

5104.09 Persons prohibited from employment; statements

Effective: January 1, 2014

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(A)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted pursuant to division (D) of this section, no individual who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.11, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.04, 2909.05, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2921.03, 2921.34, or 2921.35 of the Revised Code or a violation of an existing or former law or ordinance of any municipal corporation, this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of those violations, or two violations of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code during operation of the center or home shall be certified as an in-home aide or be employed in any capacity in or own or operate a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, type B family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home.

(2) Each employee of a child day-care center and type A home and every person eighteen years of age or older residing in a type A home or licensed type B home shall sign a statement on forms prescribed by the director of job and family services attesting to the fact that the employee or resident person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense set forth in division (A)(1) of this section and that no child has been removed from the employee's or resident person's home pursuant to section 2151.353 of the Revised Code. Each licensee of a type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home shall sign a statement on a form prescribed by the director attesting to the fact that no person who resides at the type A home or licensed type B home and who is under the age of eighteen has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a violation of any section listed in division (A)(1) of this section. The statements shall be kept on file at the center, type A home, or licensed type B home.

(3) Each in-home aide shall sign a statement on forms prescribed by the director of job and family services attesting that the aide has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense set forth in division (A)(1) of this section and that no child has been removed from the aide's home pursuant to section 2151.353 of the Revised Code. The statement shall be kept on file at the county department of job and family services.

(4) Each administrator and licensee of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall sign a statement on a form prescribed by the director of job and family services attesting that the administrator or licensee has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense set forth in division (A)(1) of this section and that no child has been removed from the administrator's or licensee's home pursuant to section 2151.353 of the Revised Code. The statement shall be kept on file at the center, type A home, or licensed type B home.

(B) No in-home aide, no administrator, licensee, or employee of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, and no person eighteen years of age or older residing in a type A home or licensed type B home shall withhold information from, or falsify information on, any statement required pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section.

(C) No administrator, licensee, or child-care staff member shall discriminate in the enrollment of children in a child day-care center upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(D) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying exceptions to the prohibition in division (A) of this section for persons who have been convicted of an offense listed in that division but meet rehabilitation standards set by the director.

R.C. § 5104.10

5104.10 Retaliatory discharge or suspension of employees

No employer shall discharge, demote, suspend, or threaten to discharge, demote, suspend, or in any manner discriminate against any employee based solely on the employee taking any of the following actions:

(A) Making any good faith oral or written complaint to the director of job and family services or other agency responsible for enforcing Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code regarding a violation of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;

(B) Instituting or causing to be instituted any proceeding against the employer under section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;

(C) Acting as a witness in any proceeding under section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;

(D) Refusing to perform work that constitutes a violation of Chapter 5104., or the rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.11

5104.11 Certification of Type B family day-care homes; inspections--Repealed

Effective: January 1, 2014

R.C. § 5104.12

5104.12 Certification of in-home aides; inspections

Effective: September 29, 2013

(A) The county director of job and family services may certify in-home aides to provide publicly funded child care pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it. Any in-home aide who receives a certificate pursuant to this section to provide publicly funded child care is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the county department of job and family services that issues the certificate.

(B) Every person desiring to receive certification as an in-home aide shall apply for certification to the county director of job and family services on such forms as the director of job and family services prescribes. The county director shall provide at no charge to each applicant a copy of rules for certifying in-home aides adopted pursuant to this chapter.

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(C)(1) If the county director of job and family services determines that public funds are available and that the person complies with this chapter and any rules adopted under it, the county director shall certify the person as an in-home aide and issue the person a certificate to provide publicly funded child care for twelve months. The county director shall furnish a copy of the certificate to the parent, custodian, or guardian. The certificate shall state the name and address of the in-home aide, the expiration date of the certification, and the name and telephone number of the county director who issued the certificate.

(2) The county director may revoke the certificate in either of the following circumstances:

(a) The county director determines, pursuant to rules adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that revocation is necessary;

(b) The in-home aide does not comply with division (D)(2) of section 5104.32 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) The county director of job and family services shall inspect every home of a child who is receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home while the in-home aide is providing the services. Inspections may be unannounced. Upon receipt of a complaint, the county director shall investigate the in-home aide, shall investigate the home of a child who is receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home, and division (D)(2) of this section applies regarding the complaint. The caretaker parent shall permit the county director to inspect any part of the child's home. The county director shall prepare a written inspection report and furnish one copy each to the in-home aide and the caretaker parent within a reasonable time after the inspection.

(2) Upon receipt of a complaint as described in division (D)(1) of this section, in addition to the investigations that are required under that division, both of the following apply:

(a) If the complaint alleges that a child suffered physical harm while receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home from an in-home aide or that the noncompliance with law or act alleged in the complaint involved, resulted in, or poses a substantial risk of physical harm to a child receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home from an in-home aide, the county director shall inspect the home of the child.

(b) If division (D)(2)(a) of this section does not apply regarding the complaint, the county director may inspect the home of the child.

(3) Division (D)(2) of this section does not limit, restrict, or negate any duty of the county director to inspect a home of a child who is receiving publicly funded child care from an in-home aide that otherwise is imposed under this section, or any authority of the county director to inspect such a home that otherwise is granted under this section when the county director believes the inspection is necessary and it is permitted under the grant.

R.C. § 5104.13

5104.13 Preparation and publication of guide pertaining to statutes and rules governing certification of type B family day-care homes

Effective: January 1, 2014

The department of job and family services shall prepare a guide describing the state statutes and rules governing the licensure of type B family day-care homes. The department may publish the guide electronically or otherwise and shall do so in a manner that the guide is accessible to the public, including type B home providers.

R.C. § 5104.14

5104.14 Readability of materials provided by department

Effective: January 1, 2014

All materials that are supplied by the department of job and family services to type A family day-care home providers, type B family day-care home providers, in-home aides, persons seeking to be type A family day-care home providers, type B family day-care home providers, or in-home aides, and caretaker parents shall be written at no higher than the sixth grade reading level. The department may employ a readability expert to verify its compliance with this section.

R.C. § 5104.20

5104.20 Exemption for park districts and joint recreational districts

This chapter does not apply to any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code that provides programs for children who are five years of age or older.

R.C. § 5104.21

5104.21 Registration of child day camps

Effective: September 24, 2012

(A) The department of job and family services shall register child day camps and enforce this section and section 5104.22 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those sections. No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate a child day camp without annually registering with the department.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the provisions of this section and section 5104.22 of the Revised Code:

(1) A child day camp that operates for two or less consecutive weeks and for no more than a total of two weeks during each calendar year;

(2) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children that is conducted on an organized or periodic basis no more than one day a week and for no more than six hours' duration and that is conducted in specific areas, including, but not limited to, art; drama; dance; music; gymnastics, swimming, or another athletic skill or sport; computers; or an educational subject;

(3) Programs in which the department determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child attending or participating in the child day camp is on the child day camp activity site and is readily accessible at all times, except that a child day camp on the premises of a parent's, custodian's, or guardian's place of employment shall be registered in accordance with division (A) of this section;

(4) Child day camps funded and regulated or operated and regulated by any state department, other than the department of job and family services, when the department of job and family services has determined that the rules governing the child day camp are equivalent to or exceed the rules adopted pursuant to this section and section 5104.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) A person, firm, organization, institution, or agency operating a child day camp that is exempt under division (B) of this section from registering under division (A) of this section may elect to register itself under division (A) of this section. All requirements of this section and the rules adopted pursuant to this section shall apply to any exempt child day camp that so elects to register.

(D) The director of job and family services shall adopt pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules prescribing the registration form and establishing the procedure for the child day camps to register. The form shall not be longer than one typewritten page and shall state both of the following:

(1) That the child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative agrees to provide the parents of each school-age child who attends or participates in that child day camp with the telephone number of the county department of health and the public children services agency of the county in which the child day camp is located;

(2) That the child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative agrees to permit a public children services agency or the county department of health to review or inspect the child day camp if a complaint is made to that department or any other state department or public children services agency against that child day camp.

(E) The department may charge a fee to register a child day camp. The fee for each child day camp shall be twenty-five dollars. No organization that operates, or owner of, child day camps shall pay a fee that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars for all of its child day camps.

(F) If a child day camp that is required to register under this section fails to register with the department in accordance with this section or the rules adopted pursuant to it or if a child day camp that files a registration form under this section knowingly provides false or misleading information on the registration form, the department shall require the child day camp to register or register correctly and to pay a registration fee that equals three times the registration fee as set forth in division (E) of this section.

(G) A child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative shall provide the parents of each school-age child who attends or participates in that child day camp with the telephone numbers of the county department of health and the county public children services agency of the county in which the child day camp is located and a statement that the parents may use these telephone numbers to contact or otherwise contact the departments or agency to make a complaint regarding the child day camp.

R.C. § 5104.22

5104.22 Approval of child day camps

(A) The director of job and family services, no later than September 1, 1993, and pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules establishing a procedure and standards for the approval of child day camps that will enable an approved child day camp to receive public moneys pursuant to sections 5104.30 to 5104.39 of the Revised Code. The procedure and standards shall be similar and comparable to the procedure and standards for accrediting child day camps used by the American camping association. The department of job and family services may charge a reasonable fee to inspect a child day camp to determine whether that child day camp meets the standards set forth in this section or in the rules adopted under this section. The department shall approve any child day camp that the department inspects and approves, that the American camping association inspects and accredits, or that is inspected and accredited by any nationally recognized organization that accredits child day camps by using standards that the department has determined are substantially similar and comparable to those of the American camping association. The department shall approve a child day camp for no longer than two years and shall inspect an approved child day camp no less than biennially.

(B) An approved child day camp shall comply with this section and section 5104.21 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those sections. If an approved child day camp is not in substantial compliance with those sections or rules at any time, the department shall terminate the child day camp's approval until the child day camp complies with those sections and rules or for a period of two years, whichever period is longer.

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R.C. § 5104.25

Formerly cited as OH ST § 5104.015

5104.25 Smoking in day-care centers and homes

Effective: January 1, 2014

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(A) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, no child day-care center shall permit any person to smoke in any indoor or outdoor space that is part of the center.

The administrator of a child day-care center shall post in a conspicuous place at the main entrance of the center a notice stating that smoking is prohibited in any indoor or outdoor space that is part of the center, except under the conditions described in division (C) of this section.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, no type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home shall permit any person to smoke in any indoor or outdoor space that is part of the home during the hours the home is in operation. Smoking may be permitted during hours other than the hours of operation if the administrator of the home has provided to a parent, custodian, or guardian of each child receiving child care at the home notice that smoking occurs or may occur at the home when it is not in operation.

The administrator of a type A family day-care home or a licensed type B family day-care home shall post in a conspicuous place at the main entrance of the home a notice specifying the hours the home is in operation and stating that smoking is prohibited during those hours in any indoor or outdoor space that is part of the home, except under the conditions described in division (C) of this section.

(C) A child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family home may allow persons to smoke at the center or home during its hours of operation if those persons cannot be seen smoking by the children being cared for and if they smoke in either of the following:

(1) An indoor area that is separately ventilated from the rest of the center or home;

(2) An outdoor area that is so far removed from the children being cared for that they cannot inhale any smoke.

(D) The director of job and family services, in consultation with the director of health, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement the requirements of this section. These rules may prohibit smoking in a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family home if its design and structure do not allow persons to smoke under the conditions described in division (C) of this section or if repeated violations of division (A) or (B) of this section have occurred there.

R.C. § 5104.30

5104.30 Duties of department with respect to child care services

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) The department of job and family services is hereby designated as the state agency responsible for administration and coordination of federal and state funding for publicly funded child care in this state. Publicly funded child care shall be provided to the following:

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(1) Recipients of transitional child care as provided under section 5104.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) Participants in the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code;

(3) Individuals who would be participating in the Ohio works first program if not for a sanction under section 5107.16 of the Revised Code and who continue to participate in a work activity, developmental activity, or alternative work activity pursuant to an assignment under section 5107.42 of the Revised Code;

(4) A family receiving publicly funded child care on October 1, 1997, until the family's income reaches one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty line;

(5) Subject to available funds, other individuals determined eligible in accordance with rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code.

The department shall apply to the United States department of health and human services for authority to operate a coordinated program for publicly funded child care, if the director of job and family services determines that the application is necessary. For purposes of this section, the department of job and family services may enter into agreements with other state agencies that are involved in regulation or funding of child care. The department shall consider the special needs of migrant workers when it administers and coordinates publicly funded child care and shall develop appropriate procedures for accommodating the needs of migrant workers for publicly funded child care.

(B) The department of job and family services shall distribute state and federal funds for publicly funded child care, including appropriations of state funds for publicly funded child care and appropriations of federal funds available under the child care block grant act, Title IV-A, and Title XX. The department may use any state funds appropriated for publicly funded child care as the state share required to match any federal funds appropriated for publicly funded child care.

(C) In the use of federal funds available under the child care block grant act, all of the following apply:

(1) The department may use the federal funds to hire staff to prepare any rules required under this chapter and to administer and coordinate federal and state funding for publicly funded child care.

(2) Not more than five per cent of the aggregate amount of the federal funds received for a fiscal year may be expended for administrative costs.

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(3) The department shall allocate and use at least four per cent of the federal funds for the following:

(a) Activities designed to provide comprehensive consumer education to parents and the public;

(b) Activities that increase parental choice;

(c) Activities, including child care resource and referral services, designed to improve the quality, and increase the supply, of child care;

(d) Establishing a tiered quality rating and improvement system in which participation in the program may allow child day-care providers to be eligible for grants, technical assistance, training, or other assistance and become eligible for unrestricted monetary awards for maintaining a quality rating.

(4) The department shall ensure that the federal funds will be used only to supplement, and will not be used to supplant, federal, state, and local funds available on the effective date of the child care block grant act for publicly funded child care and related programs. If authorized by rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 5104.42 of the Revised Code, county departments of job and family services may purchase child care from funds obtained through any other means.

(D) The department shall encourage the development of suitable child care throughout the state, especially in areas with high concentrations of recipients of public assistance and families with low incomes. The department shall encourage the development of suitable child care designed to accommodate the special needs of migrant workers. On request, the department, through its employees or contracts with state or community child care resource and referral service organizations, shall provide consultation to groups and individuals interested in developing child care. The department of job and family services may enter into interagency agreements with the department of education, the board of regents, the department of development, and other state agencies and entities whenever the cooperative efforts of the other state agencies and entities are necessary for the department of job and family services to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

The department shall develop and maintain a registry of persons providing child care. The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing procedures and requirements for the registry's administration.

(E)(1) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing both of the following:

(a) Reimbursement ceilings for providers of publicly funded child care not later than the first day of July in each odd-numbered year;

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(b) A procedure for reimbursing and paying providers of publicly funded child care.

(2) In establishing reimbursement ceilings under division (E)(1)(a) of this section, the director shall do all of the following:

(a) Use the information obtained under division (B)(3) of section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;

(b) Establish an enhanced reimbursement ceiling for providers who provide child care for caretaker parents who work nontraditional hours;

(c) For an in-home aide, establish a reimbursement ceiling that is seventy-five per cent of the reimbursement ceiling that applies to a licensed type B family day-care home;

(d) With regard to the tiered quality rating and improvement system established pursuant to division (C)(3)(d) of this section, do both of the following:

(i) Establish enhanced reimbursement ceilings for child day-care providers that participate in the system and maintain quality ratings under the system;

(ii) In the case of child day-care providers that have been given access to the system by the department, weigh any reduction in reimbursement ceilings more heavily against those providers that do not participate in the system or do not maintain quality ratings under the system.

(3) In establishing reimbursement ceilings under division (E)(1)(a) of this section, the director may establish different reimbursement ceilings based on any of the following:

(a) Geographic location of the provider;

(b) Type of care provided;

(c) Age of the child served;

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(d) Special needs of the child served;

(e) Whether the expanded hours of service are provided;

(f) Whether weekend service is provided;

(g) Whether the provider has exceeded the minimum requirements of state statutes and rules governing child care;

(h) Any other factors the director considers appropriate.

(F) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement the tiered quality rating and improvement system described in division (C)(3)(d) of this section.

R.C. § 5104.301

5104.301 Programs to encourage parent cooperative child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes

A county department of job and family services may establish a program to encourage the organization of parent cooperative child day-care centers and parent cooperative type A family day-care homes for recipients of publicly funded child care. A program established under this section may include any of the following:

(A) Recruitment of parents interested in organizing a parent cooperative child day-care center or parent cooperative type A family day-care home;

(B) Provision of technical assistance in organizing a parent cooperative child day-care center or parent cooperative type A family day-care home;

(C) Assistance in the developing, conducting, and disseminating training for parents interested in organizing a parent cooperative child day-care center or parent cooperative type A family day-care home.

A county department that implements a program under this section shall receive from funds available under the child care block grant act a five thousand dollar incentive payment for each parent cooperative child day-care center or parent cooperative type A family day-care home organized pursuant to this section.

Parents of children enrolled in a parent cooperative child day-care center or parent cooperative type A family day-

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care home pursuant to this section shall be required to work in the center or home a minimum of four hours per week.

The director of job and family services shall adopt rules governing the establishment and operation of programs under this section.

R.C. § 5104.31

5104.31 Child care providers

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) Publicly funded child care may be provided only by the following:

(1) Any of the following licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code or pursuant to rules adopted under section 5104.018 of the Revised Code:

(a) A child day-care center, including a parent cooperative child day-care center;

(b) A type A family day-care home, including a parent cooperative type A family day-care home;

(c) A licensed type B family day-care home.

(2) An in-home aide who has been certified by the county department of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.12 of the Revised Code;

(3) A child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code;

(4) A licensed preschool program;

(5) A licensed school child program;

(6) A border state child care provider, except that a border state child care provider may provide publicly funded child care only to an individual who resides in an Ohio county that borders the state in which the provider is located.

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(B) Publicly funded child day-care may be provided in a child's own home only by an in-home aide.

(C) Beginning July 1, 2020, publicly funded child care may be provided only by a provider that is rated through the tiered quality rating and improvement system established pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.32

5104.32 Contracts; certificates for payment; electronic child care system

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, all purchases of publicly funded child care shall be made under a contract entered into by a licensed child day-care center, licensed type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, certified in-home aide, approved child day camp, licensed preschool program, licensed school child program, or border state child care provider and the department of job and family services. All contracts for publicly funded child care shall be contingent upon the availability of state and federal funds. The department shall prescribe a standard form to be used for all contracts for the purchase of publicly funded child care, regardless of the source of public funds used to purchase the child care. To the extent permitted by federal law and notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code that regulates state contracts or contracts involving the expenditure of state or federal funds, all contracts for publicly funded child care shall be entered into in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and are exempt from any other provision of the Revised Code that regulates state contracts or contracts involving the expenditure of state or federal funds.

(B) Each contract for publicly funded child care shall specify at least the following:

(1) That the provider of publicly funded child care agrees to be paid for rendering services at the lower of the rate customarily charged by the provider for children enrolled for child care or the reimbursement ceiling or rate of payment established pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code;

(2) That, if a provider provides child care to an individual potentially eligible for publicly funded child care who is subsequently determined to be eligible, the department agrees to pay for all child care provided between the date the county department of job and family services receives the individual's completed application and the date the individual's eligibility is determined;

(3) Whether the county department of job and family services, the provider, or a child care resource and referral service organization will make eligibility determinations, whether the provider or a child care resource and referral service organization will be required to collect information to be used by the county department to make eligibility determinations, and the time period within which the provider or child care resource and referral service organization is required to complete required eligibility determinations or to transmit to the county department any information collected for the purpose of making eligibility determinations;

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(4) That the provider, other than a border state child care provider, shall continue to be licensed, approved, or certified pursuant to this chapter and shall comply with all standards and other requirements in this chapter and in rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for maintaining the provider's license, approval, or certification;

(5) That, in the case of a border state child care provider, the provider shall continue to be licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by the state in which the provider is located and shall comply with all standards and other requirements established by that state for maintaining the provider's license, certificate, or other approval;

(6) Whether the provider will be paid by the state department of job and family services or in some other manner as prescribed by rules adopted under section 5104.42 of the Revised Code;

(7) That the contract is subject to the availability of state and federal funds.

(C) Unless specifically prohibited by federal law or by rules adopted under section 5104.42 of the Revised Code, the county department of job and family services shall give individuals eligible for publicly funded child care the option of obtaining certificates that the individual may use to purchase services from any provider qualified to provide publicly funded child care under section 5104.31 of the Revised Code. Providers of publicly funded child care may present these certificates for payment in accordance with rules that the director of job and family services shall adopt. Only providers may receive payment for certificates. The value of the certificate shall be based on the lower of the rate customarily charged by the provider or the rate of payment established pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code. The county department may provide the certificates to the individuals or may contract with child care providers or child care resource and referral service organizations that make determinations of eligibility for publicly funded child care pursuant to contracts entered into under section 5104.34 of the Revised Code for the providers or resource and referral service organizations to provide the certificates to individuals whom they determine are eligible for publicly funded child care.

For each six-month period a provider of publicly funded child care provides publicly funded child care to the child of an individual given certificates, the individual shall provide the provider certificates for days the provider would have provided publicly funded child care to the child had the child been present. The maximum number of days providers shall be provided certificates shall not exceed ten days in a six-month period during which publicly funded child care is provided to the child regardless of the number of providers that provide publicly funded child care to the child during that period.

(D)(1) The department shall establish the Ohio electronic child care system to track attendance and calculate payments for publicly funded child care. The system shall include issuing an electronic child care card to each caretaker parent to swipe through a point of service device issued to an eligible provider, as described in section 5104.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) Each eligible provider that provides publicly funded child care shall participate in the Ohio electronic child care system. A provider participating in the system shall not do any of the following:

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- (a) Use or have possession of an electronic child care card issued to a caretaker parent;
- (b) Falsify attendance records;
- (c) Knowingly seek payment for publicly funded child care that was not provided;
- (d) Knowingly accept reimbursement for publicly funded child care that was not provided.

R.C. § 5104.33

5104.33 Application process

(A) The department of job and family services shall prescribe an application form for use in making eligibility determinations for publicly funded child care. The form shall be as brief and simple as practicable.

(B) In administering the process of applying for publicly funded child care, the county department of job and family services shall implement policies designed to ensure that the application process is as accessible to the public as possible. These policies shall include making the application forms available at appropriate locations selected by the county department and making arrangements that enable applicants to complete the application process at times outside their normal working hours, and at locations, convenient for them. The arrangements may include stationing certain of their employees at various sites in the county for the purpose of assisting applicants in completing the application process and of making eligibility determinations at those locations. The arrangements may also include providing training and technical assistance to appropriate entities that qualify them to provide assistance in completing the application process and, to the extent permitted by federal law, to make eligibility determinations.

Each county department of job and family services shall submit to the department of job and family services for approval its plan for ensuring that the application process is as accessible to the public as possible and complies with this division. The county department shall make any changes to its plan that the department determines are necessary for compliance with this division and with any state standards adopted for the administration of this division.

R.C. § 5104.34

5104.34 Eligibility determinations

Effective: September 24, 2012

(A)(1) Each county department of job and family services shall implement procedures for making determinations of eligibility for publicly funded child care. Under those procedures, the eligibility determination for each applicant

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shall be made no later than thirty calendar days from the date the county department receives a completed application for publicly funded child care. Each applicant shall be notified promptly of the results of the eligibility determination. An applicant aggrieved by a decision or delay in making an eligibility determination may appeal the decision or delay to the department of job and family services in accordance with section 5101.35 of the Revised Code. The due process rights of applicants shall be protected.

To the extent permitted by federal law, the county department may make all determinations of eligibility for publicly funded child care, may contract with child care providers or child care resource and referral service organizations for the providers or resource and referral service organizations to make all or any part of the determinations, and may contract with child care providers or child care resource and referral service organizations for the providers or resource and referral service organizations to collect specified information for use by the county department in making determinations. If a county department contracts with a child care provider or a child care resource and referral service organization for eligibility determinations or for the collection of information, the contract shall require the provider or resource and referral service organization to make each eligibility determination no later than thirty calendar days from the date the provider or resource and referral organization receives a completed application that is the basis of the determination and to collect and transmit all necessary information to the county department within a period of time that enables the county department to make each eligibility determination no later than thirty days after the filing of the application that is the basis of the determination.

The county department may station employees of the department in various locations throughout the county to collect information relevant to applications for publicly funded child care and to make eligibility determinations. The county department, child care provider, and child care resource and referral service organization shall make each determination of eligibility for publicly funded child care no later than thirty days after the filing of the application that is the basis of the determination, shall make each determination in accordance with any relevant rules adopted pursuant to section 5104.38 of the Revised Code, and shall notify promptly each applicant for publicly funded child care of the results of the determination of the applicant's eligibility.

The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for monitoring the eligibility determination process. In accordance with those rules, the state department shall monitor eligibility determinations made by county departments of job and family services and shall direct any entity that is not in compliance with this division or any rule adopted under this division to implement corrective action specified by the department.

(2) All eligibility determinations for publicly funded child care shall be made in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 5104.38 of the Revised Code and, if a county department of job and family services specifies, pursuant to rules adopted under division (B) of that section, a maximum amount of income a family may have to be eligible for publicly funded child care, the income maximum specified by the county department. Publicly funded child care may be provided only to eligible infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children under age thirteen. For an applicant to be eligible for publicly funded child care, the caretaker parent must be employed or participating in a program of education or training for an amount of time reasonably related to the time that the parent's children are receiving publicly funded child care. This restriction does not apply to families whose children are eligible for protective child care.

Subject to available funds, a county department of job and family services shall allow a family to receive publicly funded child care unless the family's income exceeds the maximum income eligibility limit. Initial and continued eligibility for publicly funded child care is subject to available funds unless the family is receiving child care pursuant to division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 5104.30 of the Revised Code. If the county department must limit eligibility due to lack of available funds, it shall give first priority for publicly funded child care to an assistance group whose income is not more than the maximum income eligibility limit that received transitional child care in the previous month but is no longer eligible because the twelve-month period has expired. Such an

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assistance group shall continue to receive priority for publicly funded child care until its income exceeds the maximum income eligibility limit.

(3) An assistance group that ceases to participate in the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code is eligible for transitional child care at any time during the immediately following twelve-month period that both of the following apply:

(a) The assistance group requires child care due to employment;

(b) The assistance group's income is not more than one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty line.

An assistance group ineligible to participate in the Ohio works first program pursuant to section 5101.83 or section 5107.16 of the Revised Code is not eligible for transitional child care.

(B) To the extent permitted by federal law, a county department of job and family services may require a caretaker parent determined to be eligible for publicly funded child care to pay a fee according to the schedule of fees established in rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code. Each county department shall make protective child care services available to children without regard to the income or assets of the caretaker parent of the child.

(C) A caretaker parent receiving publicly funded child care shall report to the entity that determined eligibility any changes in status with respect to employment or participation in a program of education or training not later than ten calendar days after the change occurs.

(D) If a county department of job and family services determines that available resources are not sufficient to provide publicly funded child care to all eligible families who request it, the county department may establish a waiting list. A county department may establish separate waiting lists within the waiting list based on income. When resources become available to provide publicly funded child care to families on the waiting list, a county department that establishes a waiting list shall assess the needs of the next family scheduled to receive publicly funded child care. If the assessment demonstrates that the family continues to need and is eligible for publicly funded child care, the county department shall offer it to the family. If the county department determines that the family is no longer eligible or no longer needs publicly funded child care, the county department shall remove the family from the waiting list.

(E) A caretaker parent shall not receive full-time publicly funded child care from more than one child care provider per child during any period.

(F) As used in this section, "maximum income eligibility limit" means the amount of income specified in rules adopted under division (A) of section 5104.38 of the Revised Code or, if a county department of job and family services specifies a higher amount pursuant to rules adopted under division (B) of that section, the amount the

county department specifies.

R.C. § 5104.341

5104.341 One-year validity of eligibility determinations and fees

Effective: September 29, 2011

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, both of the following apply:

(1) An eligibility determination made under section 5104.34 of the Revised Code for publicly funded child care is valid for one year;

(2) The county department of job and family services shall adjust the appropriate level of a fee charged under division (B) of section 5104.34 of the Revised Code if a caretaker parent reports changes in income, family size, or both.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply if the recipient of the publicly funded child care ceases to be eligible for publicly funded child care.

R.C. § 5104.35

5104.35 Powers and duties of county department

Effective: January 1, 2014

(A) Each county department of job and family services shall do all of the following:

(1) Accept any gift, grant, or other funds from either public or private sources offered unconditionally or under conditions which are, in the judgment of the department, proper and consistent with this chapter and deposit the funds in the county public assistance fund established by section 5101.161 of the Revised Code;

(2) Recruit individuals and groups interested in certification as in-home aides or in developing and operating suitable licensed child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, or licensed type B family day-care homes, especially in areas with high concentrations of recipients of public assistance, and for that purpose provide consultation to interested individuals and groups on request;

(3) Inform clients of the availability of child care services.

(B) A county department of job and family services may, to the extent permitted by federal law, use public child care funds to extend the hours of operation of the county department to accommodate the needs of working caretaker parents and enable those parents to apply for publicly funded child care.

R.C. § 5104.36

5104.36 Records of day-care facilities and in-home aides

Effective: January 1, 2014

The licensee or administrator of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home, an in-home aide providing child care services, the director or administrator of an approved child day camp, and a border state child care provider shall keep a record for each eligible child, to be made available to the county department of job and family services or the department of job and family services on request. The record shall include all of the following:

(A) The name and date of birth of the child;

(B) The name and address of the child's caretaker parent;

(C) The name and address of the caretaker parent's place of employment or program of education or training;

(D) The hours for which child care services have been provided for the child;

(E) Any other information required by the county department of job and family services or the state department of job and family services.

R.C. § 5104.37

5104.37 Departments may withhold and recover money

Effective: September 10, 2012

(A) As used in this section, "eligible provider" means an individual or entity eligible to provide publicly funded child care pursuant to section 5104.31 of the Revised Code.

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(B) The department of job and family services may withhold any money due under this chapter and recover through any appropriate method any money erroneously paid under this chapter if evidence exists of less than full compliance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the department shall take action against an eligible provider as described in this section.

(D) Subject to the notice and appeal provisions of divisions (G) and (H) of this section, the department may suspend a contract entered into under section 5104.32 of the Revised Code with an eligible provider if the department has initiated an investigation of the provider for either of the following reasons:

(1) The department has evidence that the eligible provider received an improper child care payment as a result of the provider's intentional act.

(2) The department receives notice and a copy of an indictment, information, or complaint charging the eligible provider or the owner or operator of the provider with committing any of the following:

(a) An act that is a felony or misdemeanor relating to providing or billing for publicly funded child care or providing management or administrative services relating to providing publicly funded child care;

(b) An act that would constitute an offense described in section 5104.09 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section, the suspension of a contract under division (D) of this section shall continue until the department completes its investigation or all criminal charges are disposed of through dismissal, a finding of not guilty, conviction, or a plea of guilty.

(2) If the department initiates the termination of a contract that has been suspended pursuant to division (D) of this section, the suspension shall continue until the termination process is completed.

(F) An eligible provider shall not provide publicly funded child care while the provider's contract is under suspension pursuant to division (D) of this section. As of the date the eligible provider's contract is suspended, the department shall withhold payment to the eligible provider for publicly funded child care.

(G) Before suspending an eligible provider's contract pursuant to division (D) of this section, the department shall notify the eligible provider. The notice shall include all of the following:

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(1) A description, which need not disclose specific information concerning any ongoing administrative or criminal investigation, of the reason that the department initiated its investigation of the provider;

(2) A statement that the eligible provider will be prohibited from providing publicly funded child care while the contract is under suspension;

(3) A statement that the suspension will continue until the department completes its investigation or all criminal charges are disposed of through dismissal, a finding of not guilty, conviction, or a plea of guilty, and that if the department initiates the termination of the contract, the suspension will continue until the termination process is completed.

(H) An eligible provider may file an appeal with the department regarding any proposal by the department to suspend the provider's contract pursuant to division (D) of this section. The appeal must be received by the department not later than fifteen days after the date the provider receives the notification described in division (G) of this section. The department shall review the evidence and issue a decision not later than thirty days after receiving the appeal. The department shall not suspend a contract pursuant to division (D) of this section until the time for filing the appeal has passed or, if the provider files a timely appeal, the department has issued a decision on the appeal.

R.C. § 5104.38

5104.38 Rulemaking powers

Effective: January 1, 2014

In addition to any other rules adopted under this chapter, the director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing financial and administrative requirements for publicly funded child care and establishing all of the following:

(A) Procedures and criteria to be used in making determinations of eligibility for publicly funded child care that give priority to children of families with lower incomes and procedures and criteria for eligibility for publicly funded protective child care. The rules shall specify the maximum amount of income a family may have for initial and continued eligibility. The maximum amount shall not exceed two hundred per cent of the federal poverty line. The rules may specify exceptions to the eligibility requirements in the case of a family that previously received publicly funded child care and is seeking to have the child care reinstated after the family's eligibility was terminated.

(B) Procedures under which a county department of job and family services may, if the department, under division (A) of this section, specifies a maximum amount of income a family may have for eligibility for publicly funded child care that is less than the maximum amount specified in that division, specify a maximum amount of income a family residing in the county the county department serves may have for initial and continued eligibility for publicly funded child care that is higher than the amount specified by the department but does not exceed the maximum amount specified in division (A) of this section;

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(C) A schedule of fees requiring all eligible caretaker parents to pay a fee for publicly funded child care according to income and family size, which shall be uniform for all types of publicly funded child care, except as authorized by rule, and, to the extent permitted by federal law, shall permit the use of state and federal funds to pay the customary deposits and other advance payments that a provider charges all children who receive child care from that provider. The schedule of fees may not provide for a caretaker parent to pay a fee that exceeds ten per cent of the parent's family income.

(D) A formula for determining the amount of state and federal funds appropriated for publicly funded child care that may be allocated to a county department to use for administrative purposes;

(E) Procedures to be followed by the department and county departments in recruiting individuals and groups to become providers of child care;

(F) Procedures to be followed in establishing state or local programs designed to assist individuals who are eligible for publicly funded child care in identifying the resources available to them and to refer the individuals to appropriate sources to obtain child care;

(G) Procedures to deal with fraud and abuse committed by either recipients or providers of publicly funded child care;

(H) Procedures for establishing a child care grant or loan program in accordance with the child care block grant act;

(I) Standards and procedures for applicants to apply for grants and loans, and for the department to make grants and loans;

(J) A definition of "person who stands in loco parentis" for the purposes of division (JJ)(1) of section 5104.01 of the Revised Code;

(K) Procedures for a county department of job and family services to follow in making eligibility determinations and redeterminations for publicly funded child care available through telephone, computer, and other means at locations other than the county department;

(L) If the director establishes a different reimbursement ceiling under division (E)(3)(d) of section 5104.30 of the Revised Code, standards and procedures for determining the amount of the higher payment that is to be issued to a child care provider based on the special needs of the child being served;

(M) To the extent permitted by federal law, procedures for paying for up to thirty days of child care for a child whose caretaker parent is seeking employment, taking part in employment orientation activities, or taking part in activities in anticipation of enrolling in or attending an education or training program or activity, if the employment or the education or training program or activity is expected to begin within the thirty-day period;

(N) Any other rules necessary to carry out sections 5104.30 to 5104.43 of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.381

5104.381 Effect of participation in head start or Ohio works first programs on eligibility--Repealed

R.C. § 5104.382

5104.382 Scope of benefits available

In adopting rules under division (A) of section 5104.38 of the Revised Code establishing criteria for eligibility for publicly funded child care, the director of job and family services may prescribe the amount, duration, and scope of benefits available as publicly funded child care.

R.C. § 5104.39

5104.39 Monitoring of expenditures; evaluation of programs

Effective: September 29, 2011

(A) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a procedure for monitoring the expenditures for publicly funded child care to ensure that expenditures do not exceed the available federal and state funds for publicly funded child care. The department of job and family services, with the assistance of the office of budget and management and the child care advisory council created pursuant to section 5104.08 of the Revised Code, shall monitor the anticipated future expenditures for publicly funded child care and shall compare those anticipated future expenditures to available federal and state funds for publicly funded child care. Whenever the department determines that the anticipated future expenditures for publicly funded child care will exceed the available federal and state funds, the department shall promptly notify the county departments of job and family services and, before the available state and federal funds are used, the director shall issue and implement an administrative order that shall specify both of the following:

(1) Priorities for expending the remaining available federal and state funds for publicly funded child care;

(2) Instructions and procedures to be used by the county departments regarding eligibility determinations.

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(B) The order may do any or all of the following:

(1) Suspend enrollment of all new participants in any program of publicly funded child care;

(2) Limit enrollment of new participants to those with incomes at or below a specified percentage of the federal poverty line;

(3) Disenroll existing participants with income above a specified percentage of the federal poverty line;

(4) Change the schedule of fees paid by eligible caretaker parents that has been established pursuant to section 5104.38 of the Revised Code;

(5) Change the rate of payment for providers of publicly funded child care that has been established pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code.

(C) Each county department shall comply with the order no later than thirty days after it is issued.

(D) If after issuing an order under this section to suspend or limit enrollment of new participants or disenroll existing participants the department determines that available state and federal funds for publicly funded child care exceed the anticipated future expenditures for publicly funded child care, the director may issue and implement another administrative order increasing income eligibility levels to a specified percentage of the federal poverty line. The order shall include instructions and procedures to be used by the county departments. Each county department shall comply with the order not later than thirty days after it is issued.

(E) The department of job and family services shall do all of the following:

(1) Conduct a quarterly evaluation of the program of publicly funded child care that is operated pursuant to sections 5104.30 to 5104.43 of the Revised Code;

(2) Prepare reports based upon the evaluations that specify for each county the number of participants and amount of expenditures;

(3) Provide copies of the reports to both houses of the general assembly and, on request, to interested parties.

R.C. § 5104.40

5104.40 Responsibility of county department

A county department of job and family services shall not be held responsible for implementing any rule adopted under this chapter regarding publicly funded child care until the later of thirty days after the effective date of the rule or thirty days after the county department receives notice of the rule if such notification is required under this chapter.

R.C. § 5104.41

5104.41 Protective child care for homeless children and caretakers

A child and the child's caretaker who either temporarily reside in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or are determined by the county department of job and family services to be homeless, and who are otherwise ineligible for publicly funded child care, are eligible for protective child care for the lesser of the following:

(A) Ninety days;

(B) The period of time they reside in the shelter, if they qualified for protective child care because they reside in the shelter, or the period of time in which the county department determines they are homeless.

R.C. § 5104.42

5104.42 Payment procedure; methodology for allocating state and federal funds

Effective: September 29, 2011

(A) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code establishing a payment procedure for publicly funded child care.

(B) The director, by rule adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, may establish a methodology for allocating the state and federal funds appropriated for publicly funded child care.

R.C. § 5104.43

5104.43 Deposit of funds into public assistance fund

Effective: September 29, 2011

Each county department of job and family services shall deposit all funds received from any source for child care services into the public assistance fund established under section 5101.161 of the Revised Code.

R.C. § 5104.44

5104.44 License or certificate holders in default on child support orders

On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the department of job and family services shall comply with sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a license or certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

R.C. § 5104.99

5104.99 Penalties

Effective: September 29, 2011

(A) Whoever violates section 5104.02 of the Revised Code shall be punished as follows:

(1) For each offense, the offender shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars multiplied by the number of children receiving child care at the child day-care center or type A family day-care home that either exceeds the number of children to which a type B family day-care home may provide child care or, if the offender is a licensed type A family day-care home that is operating as a child day-care center without being licensed as a center, exceeds the license capacity of the type A home.

(2) In addition to the fine specified in division (A)(1) of this section, all of the following apply:

(a) Except as provided in divisions (A)(2)(b), (c), and (d) of this section, the court shall order the offender to reduce the number of children to which it provides child care to a number that does not exceed either the number of children to which a type B family day-care home may provide child care or, if the offender is a licensed type A family day-care home that is operating as a child day-care center without being licensed as a center, the license capacity of the type A home.

(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the court shall order the offender to cease the provision of child care to any person until it obtains a child day-care center license or a type A family day-care home license, as appropriate, under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code.

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(c) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and the court shall order the offender to cease the provision of child care to any person until it obtains a child day-care center license or a type A family day-care home license, as appropriate, under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The court shall impose the fine specified in division (A)(1) of this section and may impose an additional fine provided that the total amount of the fines so imposed does not exceed the maximum fine authorized for a misdemeanor of the first degree under section 2929.28 of the Revised Code.

(d) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the offender is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree, and the court shall order the offender to cease the provision of child care to any person until it obtains a child day-care center license or a type A family day-care home license, as appropriate, under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The court shall impose the fine specified in division (A)(1) of this section and may impose an additional fine provided that the total amount of the fines so imposed does not exceed the maximum fine authorized for a felony of the fifth degree under section 2929.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) Whoever violates division (B) of section 5104.09 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender is a licensee of a center or type A home, the conviction shall constitute grounds for denial or revocation of an application for licensure pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code. If the offender is a person eighteen years of age or older residing in a center or type A home or is an employee of a center or a type A home and if the licensee had knowledge of, and acquiesced in, the commission of the offense, the conviction shall constitute grounds for denial or revocation of an application for licensure pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) Whoever violates division (C) of section 5104.09 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.