

Attendance

Participants: Abby, Crystal, Marissa + 10 (participants below)

Name	Present?	Name	Present?
Corina Perez	X	Carrie Graber	X
Debbie Radie		Melissa Scott	
Stephanie Lilly	X	Micalene Stafford	
Grace Dietrich	X	Jessi Cordero	
Liz Farrar Campbell	X	Rod Belknap	X
Angie Benson		Becca Ellis	X
Tara Papandrew	X	Judy Werkheiser	X
Valentina Brichuk	X	Kara Parris	

OCC Staff Present	
Facilitator	Abby Strom
Licensing Rep	Crystal Persi
Notetaker	Marissa Alvarado

Rule Headings Presented this Session

Notes/Comments/Questions

Feedback from Previous Meeting

██████████ The age for water for infants, in my country we introduce it at 3 months, but here it's 6 months. I'm confused on how to get the okay to do so.

██████████ You can always fill out an exception request and it would then be reviewed. So that would be the path one could take if it is culturally responsive to their program.

██████████ And those exceptions would almost always be granted.

Outdoor Play Area

██████████ It says two exits, can it be for example exit 1 and the second exit be to a program that goes to the exit?

██████████ Does that second playground have an exit out?

██████████ Yes. In a lot of cases where there is a gate that counts as an exit
– Missed the rest of her sentence

██████████ I'm curious about the language about the self closing gate. It can be quite expensive. Does any gate leading the playground have to have the self latching self closure?

██████████ We will have to take this back to the group because this would be related to fire hazards.

██████████ We have just one exit on a playground and fire marshal

██████████ We have a very large play yard and we have 2 gates that exit out and one in the playground. There is no other exit unless going back to the building. So, we often worry about there being a fire in the building where our only exit is from the playground. Also, with the estimate of cost – Could programs get advance notice when needing to modify their gates?

██████████ Thank you for your feedback ██████████ I agree it is important to plan ahead and prepare for things like a fire and the cost of the gate.

██████████: Self closing like spring loaded to close on it's own? If so that sounds somewhat dangerous to a child.

██████████ Yes, our gates are not self latching either, but have a manual lock, so this would be another expense for us.

██████████ I want to say the estimate that you have is going to be maybe higher than that. I'm not sure if this is a fair estimate.

██████████ Okay!

██████████: In Washington there's a specific rule on the height of the self-closing latches and children being able to reach it. Is that the same here?

Thank you for your feedback. I will have to take this back to the fire marshal.

If it is a crash bar it has to be at ADA height under 36.

Looks like we have some more research on this subject!

That's very important.

I really like the rule in theory for the safety of children. I just worry about the requirements on the gates themselves.

I am glad there are more rules around playground equipment now! But it is extremely complicated to put into rules. I am a CPSI and there are VERY specific rules around every piece of equipment in CPSE and ASTM. I applaud the rules as I have seen many unsafe playgrounds.

You put 9 inches for the 18 inches in height and 6 inches when it's higher, is this correct?

This is not. That's the part that is different. It better aligns with the CPS standards. Looks like the slide did not get updated.

: That makes sense. Thank you.

CPSI is the hardest test I've ever taken!!! Very complicated.

They don't have kids wear that (helmets). I think the big concern is like what you said, the concern of head lice. So, I'm hoping it'll say something about sanitizing, because I can see it being a health issue.

We are on the hill and for safety we do not use any equipment on a wheel.

I appreciate this! I don't believe our program uses them.

I often bike ride and when I purchased a helmet, I had to get it fitted. One concern I have is having the correct size helmet? I think we should consider if the helmet is fitted to avoid things like choking.

Thank you for that feedback. There are specific helmets that have to be approved by (*missed the name*) that providers are okay to use and there are requirements around ensuring that the helmet fits and is put on correctly.

Our Center already uses them for bicycles in the preschool room, but I don't think they utilize them for the tricycles in the toddler room.

	<p>100% agree should be wearing helmets. If it were a head start program, Head Start would say each child needs their own helmet or a process in place to sanitize between uses.</p> <p>Yes! I agree with Judy, I can see it being not so simple to implement for staff for all the reasons everyone's mentioned.</p> <p>Is it possible to ask parents to provide helmets?</p> <p>Of course, you could ask parents to provide helmets. But often we strive to not put costs on parents, but it is something you can ask.</p> <p>We don't have riding toys at our center, but yes, we would have helmets and require if we did as it is.</p> <p>It could be an option to not have riding toys.</p> <p>I'd be okay with bringing my little one's helmet. Then the program could buy fewer.</p> <p>We have the word "On the premises" because there are already laws that require children to wear helmets when riding outside the premises.</p> <p>helmets.org has many avenues for grants to cover costs of helmets.</p> <p>As a former director, that's what I did!</p> <p>I can even see our CCRR's helping with funding.</p> <p>Thank you that's a great suggestion! I know that is on those calls so we can make note of that</p> <p>yes we still have a lot to cover! :)</p> <p>, that is awesome.</p>
Handwashing	<i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i>
Illness	<i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i>
Injuries	<p>What about platforms like Class Dojo or Procure connect messaging?</p> <p>Do those programs have those mechanisms?</p> <p>Yes – <i>Missed the rest of her comment</i></p> <p>It sounds like that would meet the intent of this rule and you could also pull up documentation like a past conversation.</p>

	<p>██████ Do we have a general incident report that would be easy to understand? Is it also the same for everybody?</p> <p>██████ I know that we use to have something – but it doesn't have all this information – ██████ do you know if we do?</p> <p>██████ Yes! We have an updated form and it is also translated into 5 different languages.</p> <p>██████ In the coming months as we become DELC a lot of those resources will be on the website and will hopefully be easier to find.</p>
<p>Medications</p>	<p>██████ We have a form that parents complete before school starts.</p> <p>██████ YEAH!!! Great rule change.</p> <p>██████ You do not need to document applying something like diaper cream.</p> <p>██████ : Whoo-hoo!</p> <p>██████ Epi pens was always the big concern, getting them unlocked and administered quickly.</p>
<p>Caring for Children with Special Needs</p>	<p><i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i></p>
<p>Kitchens and Food Service Areas</p>	<p><i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i></p>
<p>Food Service</p>	<p>██████ Very good!</p> <p>For the amount of food provided – If a child is not eating – <i>Missed the rest of her comment</i></p> <p>██████ I think this is centered around a child who eats and then remains hungry versus a child who doesn't feel like eating. Does that answer your questions?</p> <p>██████ Why would their be a rule that could lead to unhealthy eating habits? Like a child who is wanting to over eat?</p> <p>██████ That is a good point – I think that a healthy life style in terms of eating and exercise is something we strive for. Which is why we encourage lots of exercise and play. I imagine this rule is centered around children whose main food source is in care.</p> <p>██████ Additional servings available are required by USDA now if you are using CACFP.</p> <p>██████ Sorry for my feedback RE food amount.</p>

	<p>██████ Valentina, all feedback is welcome. I think your comments are very reasonable and important for us to consider.</p>
Meals and Snacks	<p>██████ Would there be an age restriction? ██████ What age are you referring to? ██████ For infants, or young toddlers that cannot be served milk. ██████ There are – <i>Missed the rest of this comment</i> ██████ Typically with CACFP you can only get reimbursed when not offering milk if there is a Dr note. ██████ Then again you only have to "offer" it they don't have to drink! ██████ This might be out of our focus, but are children in care able to access water outside of meal times? Also, can we request staff to offer water during meals? (In addition to what the child requests at the time) ██████ Water must be accessible to children all the time, we have a rule about this. I don't know if we have a rule that says that staff can't so yes, I would imagine that a child can request water. ██████ Thank you.</p>
Transportation Overview	<p><i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i></p>
Transportation Safety and Staffing	<p><i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i></p>
Vehicles	<p><i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i></p>
Swimming and Animals	<p><i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i></p>
Monitoring and Investigations	<p><i>No questions or comments were made during this section</i></p>
Next Steps	<p>██████ Will there be an implementation period after January 1st to come into compliance with new rules? I've been asked that by many providers. ██████ That's a great question – The approach we took for school age was YES!</p>

■■■■ It is important to note that come January 1st these rules must be followed.

■■■■ Once the ELC officially approves these rules – can programs do a standardized exception process around staffing?

■■■■ I'm glad you asked that – the answer is yes! Specifically around staff qualifications.

■■■■ I think that's wonderful!

■■■■ Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to participate in this program and learn new rules...

■■■■ *Thumbs up*

■■■■ That is great to hear!

■■■■ : That's Awesome!

■■■■ Thank you!

■■■■ Thank you, ■■■■ -- we appreciate you!

■■■■ : Thank you for the opportunity to participate. This was a wonderful experience, and I appreciate the opportunity to learn from the other participants too.

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■■■■ It made it my pleasure when the feedback was truly valued!

■■■■ Will there be a rule book?

■■■■ When the rules are adopted a notification will go out to all providers and there will be a link to the secretary of state website so that providers can start looking into them. We will also try to have a PDF created shortly after that will have language that is easier to read. All this information will also be posted on our socials. There's a lot of things coming out on July 1st so we might not announce it that day – but I can message this specific this group to let you all know!