



# LifeSpan

Day Care You Can Trust For Children.

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Dear Parents:

As per the Office of Child Development and Early Learning regulations, this letter is to serve as your official notification for the location of the current Child Care Regulations under PA Code Chapter 3270 and contact information.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Child-Care/Pages/Child-Care-Regulations.aspx>

What is the Bureau of Certification? The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) –Bureau of Certification is responsible for certifying (licensing) child care facilities in Pennsylvania. There are approximately 7,700 child care programs in Pennsylvania. Beginning December 29, 2015, all child care programs (family, group center) must be certified, including pre-service and annual inspections.

- Certification is a form of regulatory administration.
- Regulatory Administration is governmental regulation of that private enterprise which involves public interest. The body of law which encompasses certification/licensing is referred to as administrative law. Administrative law is concerned with the powers and procedure of administrative agencies and embodies constitutional law, common law, statutory law and agency made rules that have the force of law.

Purpose of Certification/Licensing:

- Responsible for developing and promulgating rules
- Decision making - certification issuance, status and terms
- Enforcement – Inspects child care facilities to determine compliance with established regulations and suppresses illegal operations.

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While you may access the regulations at any time for clarifications should you have any questions for center operations, please don't hesitate to ask the Director or myself for assistance with any questions or concerns so that we can address them promptly.

Thank you,

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Executive Director