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## Community Care Licensing Division

### CHILD CARE UPDATE

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#### Child Care Program Mission:

The Child Care Licensing Program licenses and monitors Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers in an effort to ensure that they provide a safe and healthy environment for children who are in day care.

In keeping the child care community informed about licensing programs and requirements and services, the Updates continue to be an

important method for sharing information. We appreciate your support in sharing these Updates with those in your organization and others interested in child care issues. You may find the topic of your choice in each Update by clicking on the link provided in the “Inside This Issue” and “Extra! Extra! Headings” table on the left side of this page. Click on the underlined feature and you will be taken to that area of the Update.

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### RACE TO THE TOP—EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE

As you may already be aware, California received a highly competitive Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) federal grant to improve the quality of early learning programs and close the achievement gap for vulnerable young children. Among one of the many improvements identified was for the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, to enhance its existing child care licensing website to include educational and training materials for parents/families and child care providers. This enhancement will occur in phases over the next two years, with completion occurring December 31, 2015.

We are reaching out to you, our stakeholders, in an effort to obtain specific information on how the child care licensing website could be improved upon and, in particular, to identify the training needs of parents, providers and other licensing website customers interested in child care.

Send an e-mail to [cclp@dss.ca.gov](mailto:cclp@dss.ca.gov) to request a survey. Your expertise in responding to this survey is vital and greatly appreciated.

## LICENSING MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

### PROMOTIONS

**The Child Care Licensing Program would like to welcome two new Regional Managers to the team.**

**Robert Garza** is the new Regional Manager of the Fresno Child Care Regional Office.

Robert has worked for Community Care Licensing for 20 years and has served in several different capacities. He became a Licensing Program Analyst in 1993 and promoted to a Technical Support Program Analyst in 1998 in which capacity he assisted care providers in maintaining compliance.

Has recently served the Fresno office well as a Licensing Program Manager, and he will bring this wealth of experience with him as the Regional Manager.

**Maria Valencia** is the new Regional Manager of the Central Coast Child Care Regional Office.

Maria began working as a Licensing Program Analyst with the Community Care Licensing Division in 1993. She later became a Child Care Advocate for three counties out of the Santa Barbara Regional Office. Maria was skilled at reaching out to community

groups and stakeholders in the Child Care Community and maintains many of those relationships to this day. As a Licensing Program Manager, she acquired excellent leadership and managerial experience and has been a key player in helping this office to provide outstanding service within its Tri-County catchments.

**The Child Care Licensing Program has a new team of Licensing Program Managers.**

**Deborah Ajao** is the new Licensing Program Manager for the Central Coast Regional Office. Deborah has worked as a Licensing Program Analyst in the child care program for seven years. Prior to joining the Community Care Licensing Division, Deborah worked in a law office and prepared clients for immigration court hearings.

River City Child Care is pleased to announce the promotion of **Roxana Saravia** to a Licensing Program Manager. Roxana has been a Licensing Program Analyst in the River City Office for eight years. During her years as a Licensing Program Analyst Roxana formed close, productive relationships with the child care community.

CONGRATULATIONS



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### PROMOTIONS CONTINUED

**Diane Perez** was promoted to Licensing Program Manager for the Bay Area Regional Child Care Office in December 2012. Diane has worked as a Licensing Program Analyst in the Child Care Licensing Program since 2007. Prior to joining Community Care Licensing Division, Diane worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles in the Investigations Branch as an assistant to the investigators.

**Lya Johnson** has been hired as a new Licensing Program Manager. Ms. Johnson has spent the past six plus years with the Children's Residential Program as a Licensing Program Manager. She started her career with Community Care Licensing in 1998 and has many years of dual program and management experience.

**Scott Herring** has worked for the Community Care Licensing Division since 2008. In his years of service, Scott has specialized in the areas of advocacy and licensing enforcement. Prior to coming to Community Care Licensing, Scott was employed for nine years with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities in which he advocated for the legal, service, and civil rights for persons with Intellectual disabilities.

**Duane Matsubara** is the new Licensing Program Manager in the Fresno Office. Duane will be an excellent addition to this Child Care office. He has over ten years of experience in both the Children's Residential and Adult/Senior Programs as a Regional Manager and Licensing Program Manager. Duane was also a Licensing Program Analyst for several years before that.

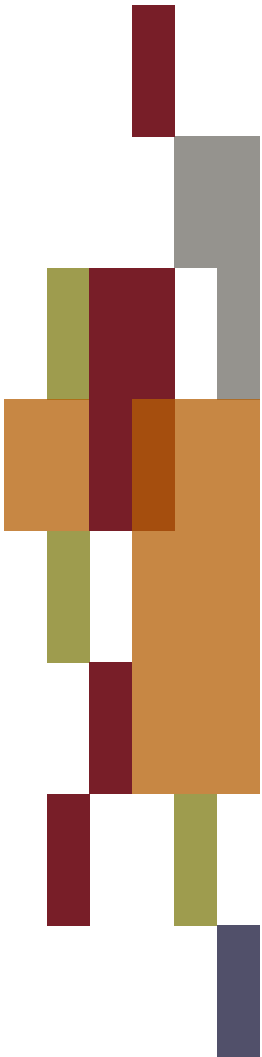
**The Child Care Licensing Program has a new Child Care Advocate.**

**Jude Burden** is the new Child Care Advocate for Northern California. She will also be covering as the Child Care Advocate for Southern California. She has been a Licensing Program Analyst in the Child Care Program in the Rohnert Park Office for the last six years and prior to that was a Family Child Care Home provider, special education teacher and a counselor in licensed group homes.

Please join the Child Care Licensing Program in welcoming the new Managers and Advocate to our team.



## WHOOPING COUGH



[Pertussis](#) (whooping cough) is a highly contagious bacterial illness spread by coughing and sneezing. People that get sick with pertussis have severe coughing attacks that can last for months. The California Department of Public Health is recommending that all Californians make sure that they are immunized against pertussis, especially if they are in contact with infants.

Infants younger than two months of age are most susceptible to hospitalization or death from pertussis, but immunization against pertussis is not recommended until at least six weeks of age. However, infants can be protected by maternal antibodies that are transferred through the placenta. Early evidence suggests that vaccinating pregnant women with T-dap during the third trimester of pregnancy can prevent pertussis in

young infants. It is recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention that anyone who lives or works (e.g., parents, siblings, grandparents, childcare providers, and healthcare personnel) with infants younger than 12 months of age should receive T-dap if they have not already done so.

For more information on Pertussis visit: the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website.

### **Did you know?**

Over 9,100 cases of pertussis, including 10 fatal infant cases, were reported in California during 2010, the most in more than a half-century. Consistent with historical cycles of three to five years between years of higher incidence, cases are likely to increase between 2013 and 2015 in comparison to 2011 and 2012.



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## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT

### Recall Information

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) advises consumers to stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. In addition, it is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure the health and safety of all children in their care. Licensees are to follow manufacturer labels and adhere to all recall instructions provided by the CPSC. Licensees may visit the [CPSC](#) website and subscribe to receive recall alerts on consumer products.

### CACFP Day Care Home Sponsors

List of California day care home (DCH) operating sponsors can be found at [Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) (CACFP).

CACFP provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to small groups of children receiving nonresidential day care in licensed or approved private homes. A day care home must sign an agreement with a sponsor to participate in CACFP. The sponsor organizes training, conducts monitoring, and helps with planning menus and filling out reimbursement forms.

### Did you know?

Beginning January 1, 2014, parents or guardians who, because of personal beliefs, do not want their children to receive one or more immunizations required for entering school or child care must provide documentation specified by a new state law, also known as [Assembly Bill 2109](#).

Additional information about this new law designed for parents, health care practitioners and schools is now available at [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org), including:

- A standardized exemption form that meets the requirements of Assembly Bill 2109.
- Frequently asked questions about the new law.

The California Department of Public Health will continue to update the ShotsForSchool.org website into 2014. For more information, questions or comments, please email [info@shotsforschool.org](mailto:info@shotsforschool.org).

## UPDATES



### GLUTEN FREE

[The Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) recently finalized the definition of the term "gluten-free" on food labels, which means all manufacturers that want to use that phrase on their products must adhere to strict guidelines.

As stated by the FDA, the term gluten-free now refers to foods that are either inherently gluten-free or foods that do not contain any ingredient that is:

- A gluten-containing grain (e.g., spelt wheat)
- Derived from a gluten containing grain that has not been processed to remove gluten (e.g., wheat flour)
- Derived from a gluten-containing grain that has been processed to remove gluten (e.g., wheat starch), if the use of that ingredient results

in the presence of 20 parts per million (ppm) or more gluten in the food

Additionally, any unavoidable presence of gluten in the food must be less than 20 ppm.

The ruling benefits more than three million Americans who live with celiac disease, an immune reaction to gluten that damages the lining of the small intestine.

The gluten-free ruling applies to all FDA-regulated foods and dietary supplements, but excludes foods whose labeling is regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. Manufacturers have one year to make package labels compliant.

### Provider E-mail Blasts

*A faster way to get you the information you need!*

The Licensing Program Analysts (LPAs) in the Child Care Program will be calling licensees soon to ask that licensee's provide their e-mail addresses if they have an e-mail account. Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) will be establishing an e-mail recipient list using these addresses to send out e-mail news such as Information Releases, Implementation Plans for new laws, quarterly newsletters,

and other important information. Using e-mail will allow CCLD to provide this information in a less costly and more timely way to licensees who provide an e-mail address and who report any change to their e-mail address to their LPA. During these calls, your LPA may also ask you about any other changes to your license in an effort to better serve you.

## LICENSED CHILD CARE STATISTICS

All statistics regarding State and county licensed child care facilities can be obtained by visiting the CCLD [licensing statistics webpage](#).



The screenshot shows the CDSS website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Content', 'Footer', and 'Accessibility'. The main navigation menu includes 'CCL Home', 'Laws and Regulations', 'Fingerprinting', 'Complaints', 'Facility Facts', 'Forms', and 'Tools/Resources'. The 'Licensing Statistics' link is highlighted with a red circle. Below the navigation, there is a section for 'Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.' with a 'Visit his Website' link. The main content area is titled 'Licensing Statistics' and includes links for 'State Licensed Facilities by geographical area' and 'County Licensed Facilities'. A sidebar on the left contains a 'HOW TO:' section with the following links: 'Apply for a License', 'Register for an Orientation', 'Make a Complaint', and 'Report Abuse'.

If you have questions about items included in this Update, suggestions for future topics, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please call (916) 651-6040. You may also visit our internet website at [www.cclld.ca.gov](http://www.cclld.ca.gov) to obtain past Child Care Updates, and to learn more about child care licensing.

Sincerely,

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