

Important Notice from Child Care Licensing

Child Care Licensing has been through a complete review of our rules we called "Rethinking the Rules". This process has taken us a little over a year. It has included meetings with providers, employees, other partner agencies, the public in general, and our legal internal review. In the process, we rewrote all of the rules, added and deleted rules that were needed or were no longer applicable, we combined other rules into one, and reorganized the rule sections. The intent of these changes was never to add any unnecessary burden to providers. It was mainly to make the rules easier to read and understand, to add or delete anything needed to be added or deleted, and to make sure our rules protect the health and safety of children.

The **proposed** Child Care Licensing **rules** will be effective on **December 28, 2017**.

What is next?

1. With the exception of complaint investigations, we will limit the regular inspections we conduct from December 28, 2017 until the end of the second week of January 2018, so providers have additional time to **read the rules**.

2. We will conduct a statewide training via a **webinar** for both home and center providers on **January 12, 2018** to explain the draft of the new rule interpretation manuals and to answer any questions providers may have.

The webinar for center providers will be from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The webinar for home providers will be from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. These webinars will be recorded and available on our website for those who cannot attend on the 12th.

Information on how to access the webinars will be available on January 10, 2018 on our website at childcarelicensing.utah.gov.

3. We will be presenting additional adjustments to the rules at the **committee meetings on January 11, 2018**. That will include requirements mandated by the feds and the Department, suggestions received during the public comment period, and other changes needed to continue improving our rules and to make them even better.

4. We will be working on improving our **Rule Interpretation Manuals**. The Rule Interpretation Manuals that will be available in January will be in "Draft" mode. That is so we can make the necessary improvements coming from the committees, from providers, and the public in general.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions and comments. We will be ready to help!

Thank you for your participation!