



***“Initial Inspection and at Least One Annual Inspection...The number of inspections should not include those inspections conducted for the purpose of investigating complaints.”***

American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association and the national Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care (2002).

## Frequency of Inspections

Licensing and enforcement professional organizations and the U.S. Government Accounting Office recommend annual unannounced inspections.

Beginning January 2011, and upon approval of the Legislature and the

Governor, CCLD will begin implementing a new Frequency of Inspection Protocol, to increase the frequency of inspections to national standards. The proposal will strengthen the health and safety protections for those in care. The proposed protocol is:

- Annual unannounced compliance reviews of all residential, adult day programs and Child Care Centers (CCC)
- Biennial unannounced compliance reviews of all Family Child Care Homes (FCCH)
- Unannounced full comprehensive health-and-safety compliance inspections of all facilities on probation or with ongoing plans of correction
- Additional unannounced case management inspections, to be conducted on problem facilities as needed to monitor compliance and to ensure the health and safety of those in care
- Pre-licensing inspections on all new license applications unless it is determined that a simple administrative change is occurring and that all other program, staffing and client factors remain the same
- Elimination of post-licensing inspections of adult and senior residential programs unless a case management inspection is needed to ensure the health and safety of new clients in care

