



Field Test

A field test of the Health and Safety Compliance Review Tools and practices will be conducted for one quarter beginning July 2010.

Model Overview

The New Directions, Strengthening Health and Safety Protections proposal cornerstone, is founded on the belief that a regular and consistent presence in community care licensed programs, decreases health and safety risks, increases provider regulation compliance and improves client outcomes.

To accomplish this increased presence, Community Care Licensing (CCL) will increase efficiency and effective use of valuable field resources, by refocusing the California licensing system reviews, on the use of key indicators of compliance and risk.

By reducing the time spent completing full regulation compliance reviews, CCL will be able to conduct annual (for all residential, adult day and child care centers) and biennial (family child care homes) compliance reviews.

CCL believes that by utilizing the best available data, field input and best and promising practices, to develop key indicator tools, specific to each program, coupled with annual/biennial inspections, California will significantly increase client protections, over the current model of full inspections once every five years.

CCL will provide greater consistency in inspections and citation of regulations, time spent with providers, clients and families, and provision of technical assistance.

The New Directions Strengthening Health and Safety Protections proposal complements, but does not replace, the current licensing and enforcement system of regulations and authorities.

Purpose of Test

The purpose is to test the use of the Health and Safety Compliance Review Tools and the “trigger” for full comprehensive compliance inspections. Data will be collected and evaluated to further inform decisions that affect the future of the licensing program.

Objective

The objective is to conduct inspections using the Health and Safety Compliance Review Tools and conduct comprehensive inspections during the same time period, to facilities due (or overdue) a random, 5 Year, or Federal Waiver required inspection during July, August and September 2010. Inspections will be documented in the Field Automation System according to current practices. Data will be collected using tracking logs.

Facility Categories Initially Eligible for Test

- Family Child Care Homes
- Child Care Centers
- Child Care Centers-School Age
- Child Care Centers-Infant
- Adult Residential Facilities
- Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
- Group Homes
- Foster Family Homes

Triggering a Comprehensive Inspection

During a test inspection using the Health and Safety Compliance Review tool, if the Licensing Program Analyst (LPA) inspector identifies any “zero tolerance” violations or two (2) Type A violations of the regulations on the tool, a comprehensive inspection shall be conducted. Compliance areas not listed on the tool, but incidentally observed as deficient will be sited on the inspection report, but will not trigger a comprehensive inspection.