
NOTICE TO DAY CARE PROVIDERS

Adopted Amendments to Rule 407, Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers

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The following is a summary of the adopted amendments to Rule 407, Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers, effective October 30, 2023:

- When all children are two years of age or older, an Early Childhood Assistant 18 years of age or older may provide direct supervision without the presence of an Early Childhood Teacher to a classroom under the following conditions:
 - The use of an Early Childhood Assistant without an Early Childhood Teacher present shall not exceed three consecutive hours or make up a majority of the hours an individual classroom is open in a single day.
 - The use of an Early Childhood Assistant without an Early Childhood Teacher present shall not exceed three hours per classroom except during the following:

When all of the children are two years of age or older, an Early Childhood Assistant 18 years of age or older may provide direct supervision without the presence of an Early Childhood Teacher for a maximum of one hour per day while the children are all on cots.

- When all children are under the age of two, an Early Childhood Assistant 18 years of age or older with one year experience (1560 clock hours) providing childcare in a day care setting licensed pursuant to DCFS Administrative Rules:
 - Rule 406 (Licensing Standards for Day Care Homes)
 - Rule 407 (Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers)
 - Rule 408 (Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes), or
 - Rule 377 (Facilities and Programs Exempt from Licensure)

may provide direct supervision to a classroom without the presence of an Early Childhood Teacher for three hours per classroom, if they have successfully completed the Department of Human Services training available on-line at www.ilgateways.com titled *Child Development, Health, and Safety Basics*.

A full copy of the adopted Rules 407, Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers is available on the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services website.