
Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

TO: Day Care Home Providers
FROM: Dixie Lee Peterson 
DATE: December 2011
SUBJECT: **Proposed Changes to Licensing Standards**

The Department is proposing changes to Part 406, Licensing Standards for Day Care Homes. The proposed changes include the following:

Gateways to Opportunity Registry

To augment professionalism and quality of care at day care centers in Illinois, starting July 1, 2012, the Department will require all new day care home applicants and assistants, and all currently licensed home care caregivers and assistants, to be registered in the "Gateways to Opportunity Registry." The registry allows child care providers to receive resources and tools to improve the quality and accountability for early care and education.

These amendments also allow the Department to automatically enroll providers into the Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System administered jointly by the State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services.

COMMENTS AND COPIES OF PROPOSED CHANGES

On November 4, 2011, the Secretary of State published the proposed changes in Volume 35, Issue 45, of the Illinois Register, copies of which are available in local libraries and on the Secretary of State's website at: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>. Copies are also available on the DCFS website <http://www.state.il.us/dcfs> or may be requested from the Office of Child and Family Policy at the address below. Comments may be sent to:

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Comments will be accepted through January 30, 2012

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