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I hereby certify that I have compared the attached copy of the Standards and Regulations for Day Care Centers in the State of Wisconsin with the original rule as amended by the State Department of Public Welfare and filed in its office in the State Capitol on the 5th day of June, 1956.

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FOREWORD

The day care licensing law passed in 1949 introduced a significant development in services for children and parents in Wisconsin. Section 48.65 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that any person providing for compensation, care and supervision for four or more children under the age of seven years for less than 24 hours a day must have a license to operate a day care center. (Excluded from this section, however, are a relative or a guardian of a child who provides for its care and supervision; a public or a parochial school; a person employed to come to the parent's or guardian's home for less than 24 hours a day.) The Wisconsin State Department of Public Welfare, Division for Children and Youth, has the responsibility for the administration of this law. In 1949 the Board of Public Welfare approved the original Standards and Regulations to be used as the basis for the issuance of a license.

In March of 1952 the State Day Care Advisory Committee was appointed to assist the Division for Children and Youth in the evaluation and revision of the Standards and Regulations. The Committee has freely given time and thoughtful study to the preparation of these Standards and Regulations which were approved by the Board of Public Welfare on February 23, 1955.

These minimum standards are for the protection of the welfare of children who spend part of the day away from their own home. They are used as criteria for determining the quality of day care service. The right to function as a licensed day care center is dependent upon assurance to the Division that helpful service is being given to both children and parents in the interest of strengthening the family group.

Frequently the day care center is the child's first contact with the outside world in which he will grow to be an adult. When good care, understanding supervision and guidance are given to young children in a healthy day care environment, there is greater assurance that more children will have better opportunity to grow towards happy well adjusted adulthood.

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P R E F A C E

A day care center may be called a day nursery, child care center, nursery school, play group, play school, or kindergarten. Any day care center is a supplement to the care that parents give to children in their own homes.

During the last twenty years there has been increasing expansion of day care and educational service for young children. In the 1930's many nursery schools and day care centers were established primarily to give work to unemployed adults. World War II and the war in Korea brought many women into employment and gave added impetus to stimulating the growth of day care facilities.

Traditionally, day care services emphasized protective care of the child during the day. Nursery schools emphasized the education of the young child. Today, it is recognized that all day care centers have the responsibility to develop a program which protects and promotes the development of the child as an individual and as a member of a group. The focus is on the whole child, his emotional and intellectual development, as well as his physical care.

A good day care center offers service not only to the children, but to their parents and to the community. To parents it gives the security of knowing that their children are receiving excellent care under the guidance of well trained staff. To the community it offers an opportunity to serve parents and children while developing an awareness of the needs of young children and effective ways of meeting these needs.

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SECTION FW-CY 40.02 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO REVOCATION OF LICENSES OF CHILD WELFARE AND DAY CARE AGENCIES OF PERMITS TO FOSTER HOMES, OR CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY CHILDREN'S BOARDS, OR OF OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE FUNCTIONS REQUIRE CERTIFICATION IS RENUMBERED FW-CY 40.20, AND SECTION FW-CY 40.01 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CHILD CARE CENTERS, DAY NURSERIES, AND NURSERY SCHOOLS, IS RENUMBERED FW-CY 40.01 THROUGH 40.13, AND IS REPEALED AND RECREATED TO READ:

FW-CY 40.01 DEFINITIONS

- (1) DAY CARE CENTER MEANS A FACILITY WHERE A PERSON OR PERSONS PROVIDE, FOR COMPENSATION, GROUP CARE FOR FOUR OR MORE CHILDREN UNDER SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, FOR LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PER DAY.
- (2) THE TERMS "DAY CARE CENTER" AND "CENTER" ARE USED IN THESE STANDARDS INTERCHANGEABLY.
- (3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE WISCONSIN STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.
- (4) "DIVISION" MEANS THE WISCONSIN STATE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

FW-CY 40.02 LICENSE PROCEDURES

(1) LICENSE

- (a) A LICENSE SHALL BE SECURED ANNUALLY FROM THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXCEPT FOR:
 1. CARE AND SUPERVISION GIVEN TO CHILDREN BY OR IN HOMES MAINTAINED BY A RELATIVE OR GUARDIAN.
 2. CARE AND SUPERVISION PROVIDED BY A PERSON EMPLOYED TO COME TO THE HOME OF THE CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY.
 3. CENTERS CONDUCTED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OR OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES.
 4. CENTERS CONDUCTED BY PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.
 5. SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCHES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE EXEMPT AS PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, AND CARE GIVEN TO CHILDREN ON CHURCH PREMISES WHILE THEIR PARENTS ARE ATTENDING SERVICES IS CONSIDERED AS GIVEN WITHOUT COMPENSATION, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE PARENTS MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH.
- (b) THE LICENSE SHALL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT THE CENTER.
- (c) EACH LICENSE SHALL BEAR THE NAME OF THE PERSON LICENSED, AND DESCRIBE THE PREMISES INCLUDED.
- (d) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SPECIFIED ON THE LICENSE IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER TO BE ENROLLED OR TO BE CARED FOR AT ANY ONE TIME.
- (e) THERE IS NO FEE CHARGED FOR THE LICENSE.

(5) PROVISIONAL LICENSES

- (a) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS MAY BE ISSUED TO ANY DAY CARE CENTER WHOSE SERVICES ARE NEEDED, BUT WHICH IS TEMPORARILY UNABLE TO CONFORM TO ALL ESTABLISHED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.
- (b) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE MAY BE RENEWED FOR SIX MONTH PERIODS UP TO TWO YEARS.

(6) EXPIRATION OF LICENSE

- (a) ALL LICENSES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE FOR ANY TERM NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE, AND SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERABLE.

(7) REVOCATION OF LICENSE

- (a) THE RIGHT TO OPERATE IS DEPENDENT UPON CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIRED STANDARDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.
- (b) THE LICENSE MAY BE REVOKED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 48.71 ((1) and (2)) OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES AND WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL RULE FW-CY 40.02 DEALING WITH LICENSE PROCEDURES.

(8) APPEAL PROCEDURE

- (a) ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENSE OR BY ITS REVOCATION OF A LICENSE HAS THE RIGHT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROVIDED FOR CONTESTED CASES IN THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN CHAPTER 227.
- (b) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION MAY BE HAD AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 227.

(9) ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

- (a) WHENEVER THE DEPARTMENT IS ADVISED OR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ANY PERSON IS VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECS. 48.60, 48.62 OR 48.65 OF THE STATUTES, IT SHALL MAKE AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE FACTS.
- (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO INSPECT THE PREMISES WHERE THE VIOLATION IS ALLEGED TO OCCUR.
- (c) IF IT IS FOUND THAT THE PERSON IS VIOLATING ANY OF THE SPECIFIED SECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EITHER ISSUE A LICENSE IF THE PERSON IS QUALIFIED OR MAY INSTITUTE A PROSECUTION UNDER S. 48.76.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENT: PERSONNEL AND PROGRAM STANDARDS

Every day care center has an important part to play in the community. Program standards are established so that there is assurance for the parents and children, to the individuals providing the care, and for the community that a wholesome day care service is provided.

Warm, understanding personnel with knowledge of child development can create an environment which will enhance the educational, physical and social development of the individual child. Close cooperation with parents can promote unity in handling the child and understanding of the stresses and strains he may be undergoing because of his separation from home. Close cooperation between the day care center and other community forces, as the family and child welfare agencies, child guidance clinics, health departments, and public health nurses will contribute to the best interests of the child.

The quality of program and equipment in every type of day care center affects the well-being of each child enrolled. The program should have a positive influence in developing healthy, happy, well-adjusted children. Children learn through their play experiences, sometimes by imitating adults, sometimes through experimenting with materials. Sufficient toys and play materials are needed so that the child may have many enriching experiences at the center. Adequately furnished premises help produce pleasant surroundings.

Standards relating to specific aspects of day care show the minimums which will promote wholesome growth and which will protect the children enrolled. These specific aspects are described under the headings: Personnel, Educational Program, Health Program, Records and Reports, Equipment, Physical Plant, Sanitation, Finances, and Insurance.

FW-CY 40.03 PERSONNEL STANDARDS

(1) Person in Charge

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE A PERSON IN CHARGE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DAY CARE CENTER, HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE ADMINISTRATOR.

2. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE, AND HAVE SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY.
3. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, THERE SHALL BE A PERSON CAPABLE OF CARRYING ON HIS FUNCTIONS.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. It is desirable that the administrator have professional background and be familiar with recent thinking and developments in early childhood education.
2. The administrator should have had experience in working with young children and parents.

(2) All Personnel

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. ALL MEMBERS OF THE STAFF SHALL BE EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY ABLE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN.
2. ALL STAFF MEMBERS SHALL SUBMIT REQUIRED PERSONNEL FORMS AND CHARACTER REFERENCES UPON REQUEST.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. All those employed in day care centers should have a genuine interest in and a warm feeling for children. They should have a sympathetic, intelligent understanding of the needs of children and of their development. They should have an even temperament and a sense of humor in order to create an atmosphere of security and happiness in the center.
2. It is desirable that there be both women and men as staff members or as volunteers.

(3) Number of Staff

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST TWO ADULTS AVAILABLE AT ANY CENTER, SO THAT THE CHILDREN SHALL NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED, AT ANY TIME, WHETHER INSIDE OR OUTDOORS.
2. THE RATIO OF GROUPS OF CHILDREN TO CHILD CARING STAFF SHALL NOT EXCEED:

TWO-TO THREE-YEAR-OLDS	8 CHILDREN	- 1 ADULT
THREE-TO FOUR-YEAR-OLDS	10 CHILDREN	- 1 ADULT
FOUR YEARS AND OVER	12 CHILDREN	- 1 ADULT

(4) Duties and Qualifications of Staff

Introductory Statement: There may be small centers with only two staff members who will be doing the administrative, teaching, and maintenance activities. Whether the center has a small or large staff, the following duties and qualifications are essential for efficient operation to safeguard the best interests of children.

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. CHILD CARING STAFF

- a. THOSE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE CHILDREN SHALL HAVE AT LEAST A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE EXTENSION DIVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.
- b. IN ORDER TO BE DESIGNATED AS NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS, STAFF MEMBERS SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS SUCH BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

2. VOLUNTEERS

- a. WHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE USED, THEY SHALL WORK ONLY UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE CHILD CARING STAFF.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. Child Caring Staff

- a. This staff should be composed of mature persons who have had professional training in early childhood education and who have special understanding of the needs of children attending a center. They should be able to establish wholesome adult-child relationships and be able to get along well with the children.

2. Volunteers

- a. They should be selected on the basis of natural aptitudes as well as training.
- b. They should be able to give a definite amount of time at regular periods, including in-service training meetings.

3. Cooks

- a. Cooks should be dependable and adaptable, and capable of preparing palatable, nutritionally adequate meals for young children, using approved methods of food preparation.

4. Maintenance and Housekeeping

- a. Care should be taken to select persons who like young children.

5. Special Personnel

- a. In addition to the regular staff members of the day care center, it has been found valuable to engage or use community consultants in specialized fields.

Nurse: It is helpful if a registered nurse with public health training is available to assist with and to help plan the health program. She should be fitted by experience, training, and personality to work with young children.

Physician: A physician should be available for emergencies and for consultation.

Group Workers: It is recommended that centers give consideration to the services of a professional group worker to assist with the program for children of school age.

Other Services: It is desirable if services can be arranged with a casework agency for work with individual parents or consultation with the staff; a psychologist for counseling with the staff; and a nutritionist or dietician for counseling on meal planning and food preparation.

FW-CY 40.04 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STANDARDS

Introductory Statement: Every child who attends a nursery center is being educated there. It is recognized today that education includes all learning, that learning is a continuous and never ending process. Every nursery center has an obligation to provide the best possible kind of education. The curriculum and all the experiences at the day care center should meet the needs and interests of the children, the parents and the community.

(1) Program

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE A PLANNED PROGRAM APPROPRIATE FOR THE AGE OF THE CHILDREN ATTENDING THE CENTER.

(b) Recommended Standards

A good nursery center should contribute to the education of young children by:

1. Encouraging desirable health habits and attitudes.
2. Providing appropriate space, supplying varied and challenging equipment and play materials, and helping children learn to care for them and to use them creatively and constructively.

3. Fostering intellectual interest and abilities through opportunities to explore, investigate, and experiment, to make and carry out plans, to work out solutions to problems, to develop competence and find satisfaction in work and achievement.
4. Developing enjoyment in music, art, and literature.
5. Furthering emotional stability in an atmosphere where children feel accepted and understood, where they are helped to achieve a healthy balance between emotional expression and emotional control.
6. Creating a friendly social atmosphere in which attitudes that are essential to living in a democracy are encouraged; strengthening self-respect and self-confidence and at the same time building respect for and consideration of others.
7. Sharing with parents the aims and activities of the day care center, and planning individual conferences and group meetings with the parents.
8. Helping the child further relationships with adults who are warm, friendly and able to provide the security of understanding, firm discipline.

PW-CY 40.05 HEALTH STANDARDS

(1) State and Local Regulations

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. ALL STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH REGULATIONS SHALL BE FOLLOWED IN EVERY DAY CARE CENTER. THE MORE COMMON REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES ARE MEASLES, SMALLPOX, MUMPS, DIPHTHERIA, PEDICULOSIS, CHICKEN POX, SCARLET FEVER, POLIOMYELITIS, WHOOPING COUGH, GERMAN MEASLES, AND SKIN INFECTIONS.

(2) Examination of Staff

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. ALL PAID AND VOLUNTEER MEMBERS UPON BEGINNING WORK, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, SHALL SUBMIT A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE BASED ON EXAMINATION STATING THAT THEY ARE FREE FROM ANY EVIDENCE OF ILLNESS WHICH MIGHT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHILD'S WELFARE INCLUDING:
 - a. A SEROLOGICAL TEST, IF REQUIRED BY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES, BY AN APPROVED LABORATORY, INITIALLY FOR ALL STAFF AND YEARLY FOR FOOD HANDLERS.
 - b. A CHEST X-RAY SHOWING FREEDOM FROM ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS.

c. EVIDENCE OF SMALL POX VACCINATION WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

(3) Examination of Children

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. EVERY CHILD BEFORE ADMISSION SHALL HAVE A HEALTH EXAMINATION BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR A PERSON WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN. THIS EXAMINATION SHALL BE REPEATED ANNUALLY. THE EXAMINER SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE CHILD IS FREE FROM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, INCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS, OR OTHER CONDITION HAZARDOUS OR POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS TO THE WELFARE OF OTHER CHILDREN.
2. WHENEVER THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF A DAY CARE CENTER SHALL HAVE REASON TO SUSPECT A CHILD PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY HAVE A CONDITION HAZARDOUS OR POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS TO OTHERS IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE TO REQUIRE ANOTHER EXAMINATION BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR A PERSON WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN AND ANOTHER CERTIFICATION (AS DESCRIBED ABOVE) BEFORE ALLOWING THE CHILD TO CONTINUE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CENTER.
3. THE REPORT OF EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE AT THE CENTER.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. It is strongly urged that each child have a complete dental examination before admission with a repeat examination semi-annually by the family dentist.
2. The center should obtain a statement from the parents that to their knowledge the child has not been in contact with a contagious disease during the two weeks prior to admission.
3. Examinations at six month intervals are preferred for children under five, with more frequent examination if indicated by the physician.
4. Physician's recommendations for each child should be followed. Every effort should be made to obtain follow-through with the parents when health problems occur in order to obtain prompt and adequate care and correction of defects.

(4) Health Protection - Inspection and Control of Communicable Diseases

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. AT THE CENTER, MORNING HEALTH INSPECTIONS SHALL BE MADE BY A PERSON CAPABLE OF RECOGNIZING COMMON SIGNS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF ILL HEALTH.

2. THE CENTER SHALL PROVIDE AN AREA SUITABLE FOR TEMPORARY ISOLATION OF ILL CHILDREN IN SIGHT AND HEARING OF AN ADULT. A CHILD NEEDING ISOLATION MAY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF A COLD, SORE THROAT, INFLAMMATION OF THE EYES, FEVER, RASH, VOMITING, DIARRHEA, OR OTHER ILLNESSES OR PEDICULOSIS (LICE). THERE SHALL BE A DEFINITE PROCEDURE FOR EXCLUDING AN ILL CHILD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ILLNESS IS DISCOVERED. THIS PROCEDURE SHALL INCLUDE IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH THE PARENT OR SOME RESPONSIBLE PERSON WHEN THE PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED, PERMISSION TO CALL THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN, AND REFERRAL OF THE CHILD FOR MEDICAL CARE IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT OR EMERGENCY.
3. WHEN A CHILD ATTENDING THE CENTER IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER MUST BE NOTIFIED. WHEN POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS OF A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IS MADE THE FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EXPOSED SHALL BE NOTIFIED. SUCH CHILDREN SHALL BE WATCHED FOR EARLY SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE.
4. TREATMENT OR MEDICATION SHALL ONLY BE GIVEN TO A CHILD ON THE BASIS OF A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER, EXCEPT FOR FIRST AID IN THE CASE OF AN ACCIDENT.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. If there is no nurse on the staff, it is advisable that a regular staff member have the equivalent of Red Cross First Aid Training as a minimum.
2. Parents should be alerted to the importance of daily checking children for signs of illness before leaving home; all staff should be continually alert for any symptom of illness.

(5) First Aid Kit

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. EVERY CENTER SHALL HAVE A FIRST AID KIT WHICH INCLUDES A SUPPLY OF ROLLED BANDAGES, TAPE, BANDAIDS AND SAFE GERMICIDE.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. It is recommended that a first aid kit as outlined by the State Board of Health should be maintained.

(6) Exclusion of Staff

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE PROVISIONS MADE FOR THE EXCLUSION OF STAFF OR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS WHEN ILL, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DIARRHEA OR THOSE HAVING UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. It is recommended that a person be excluded for the first two days if he has a cold.

(7) Routine Weighing and Measuring

(a) Recommended Standards

1. It is recommended that height and weight measurements be entered on the initial examination form. Thereafter, it is recommended that children be weighed and measured every three months, the weight and height being recorded on the child's health card. Failure to gain in weight or height for two successive periods should be an indication for medical examination.

(8) Provision of Food

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. WHEN ATTENDANCE COVERS MORE THAN FOUR HOURS, CHILDREN SHALL BE SERVED A REGULAR MEAL SUPPLYING AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF THE DAILY FOOD NEEDS.
2. CHILDREN ATTENDING A THREE TO FOUR HOUR SESSION SHALL BE PROVIDED A MID-SESSION LUNCH. SUCH LUNCH SHALL PROVIDE SIMPLE AND NEEDED FOODS SUCH AS FRUIT JUICE.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. The parents should be informed each week of the general food plan in order that they may adjust the child's diet at home so all the daily food needs are adequately met.

(9) Rest Periods

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE A MID-SESSION REST PERIOD. IF CHILDREN REMAIN AT THE CENTER FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS, THE REST PERIOD SHALL BE ONE HOUR OR LONGER FOR ALL CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

FW-CY 40.06 RECORDS AND REPORTS STANDARDS

(1) Administrative Records

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. RECORDS SHALL BE KEPT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, AND SHOULD BE USED FOR HELP IN PLANNING FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

(2) Children's Records

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE MAINTAINED A RECORD FOR EACH CHILD ATTENDING THE CENTER WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:
 - a. NAME, BIRTHDATE, FULL NAMES OF BOTH PARENTS OR GUARDIAN.

- b. HOME ADDRESS OF PARENTS, WORK ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF PARENTS.
- c. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE OF FAMILY PHYSICIAN.
- d. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY WHEN PARENTS CANNOT BE REACHED.
- e. WRITTEN CONSENT OF PARENT TO CONTACT FAMILY OR CENTER PHYSICIAN IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
- f. RECORD OF ALL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND OF OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO EACH CHILD'S HEALTH.
- g. DATE CHILD ENTERS AND LEAVES GROUP.
- h. RECORDS OF DAILY ATTENDANCE OF EACH CHILD.

(b) Recommended Standards

- 1. In addition to the above, progress records for each child should be kept by the child caring staff.

(3) Personnel Records

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

- 1. THERE SHALL BE MAINTAINED A RECORD FOR EACH EMPLOYEE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:
 - a. NAME AND ADDRESS
 - b. AGE
 - c. TRAINING, EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
 - d. REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT TIME OF EMPLOYMENT AND SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

(b) Recommended Standards

- 1. In addition, there should be a periodic written evaluation of each employee.

(4) Statistical Report

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

- 1. CENTERS SHALL SUBMIT A MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH FOR WHICH THE REPORT IS MADE.

(5) Personnel Practices

(a) Recommended Standards

1. There should be a written statement on file at the center of personnel policies which include hours of work, vacation, sick leave, leave of absence, salary schedules.

FW-CY 40.07 EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

(1) Play Equipment

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT TO MEET THE VARIED DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE CHILD OF THE DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.
 - a. THERE SHALL BE EQUIPMENT OUTDOORS AND INDOORS TO ASSURE VARIETY IN ACTIVE PHYSICAL PLAY AND CREATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR THE CHILDREN ATTENDING THE CENTER.
 - b. THERE SHALL BE EQUIPMENT FOR CLIMBING, SWINGING, SLIDING, RIDING, TO PUSH AND PULL, AND SAND IN WHICH TO EXPLORE AND DIG, LARGE BUILDING BLOCKS WITH BUILDING TOYS, CREATIVE MATERIALS FOR ART, MUSIC, LITERATURE, SCIENCE, WOODWORKING, AND MANIPULATIVE TOYS.

(2) Furnishings

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. SMALL TABLES AND CHAIRS SHALL BE OF SUITABLE SIZE FOR THE CHILDREN.
2. THERE SHALL BE LOW, OPEN SHELVES WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE CHILDREN FOR THE STORAGE OF PLAY MATERIALS.
3. THERE SHALL BE SUFFICIENT WORK SPACE FOR CHILDREN.
4. THERE SHALL BE INDIVIDUAL SPACE FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, SUCH AS LOCKERS OR LOW HOOKS.
5. ALL FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT SHALL BE DURABLE AND SAFELY CONSTRUCTED SO THAT THERE ARE NO SHARP, ROUGH, LOOSE, OR POINTED EDGES WHICH COULD INJURE CHILDREN.

FW-CY 40.08 PHYSICAL PLANT STANDARDS

(1) Building

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. CHAPTER NINE OF THE WISCONSIN STATE BUILDING CODE APPLIES TO DAY CARE CENTERS.

2. THERE SHALL BE AN INSPECTION OF EACH BUILDING BY THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OR LOCAL BUILDING INSPECTOR TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL AND STATE REGULATIONS. THIS INSPECTOR WILL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE TO ALL LOCAL REGULATIONS AS REGARDS SAFETY AND FIRE PROTECTION.
3. ALL ELECTRICAL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE WISCONSIN STATE ELECTRICAL CODE, COMPRISING ORDERS 1000-1641 INCLUSIVE, OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION. IT SHALL BE INSPECTED PERIODICALLY.
4. NO CHILD CARE CENTER MAY BE LOCATED IN A CONVALESCENT OR MATERNITY HOME OR IN A ROOMING HOUSE OR BOARDING HOUSE FOR ADULTS.
5. ONLY FLOORS HAVING AT LEAST TWO EXITS TO THE GROUND LEVEL SHALL BE USED FOR CHILDREN.
6. IF THE THIRD FLOOR OF A NON-FIREPROOF BUILDING IS USED, ALL STAIRWAYS SHALL BE ENCLOSED WITH ONE-HOUR FIRE RESISTIVE PARTITIONS AND DOORS.
7. ALL STAIRWAYS SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH RAILING SUITABLE FOR THE USE OF CHILDREN; THEY SHALL BE KEPT CLEAR AND UNOBSTRUCTED AT ALL TIMES.
8. ONLY THOSE BASEMENT ROOMS WHICH COMPLY WITH INSPECTION MAY BE USED FOR CHILDREN FOR PLAY PERIODS.
 - a. BASEMENT ROOMS MAY NEVER BE USED FOR RESTING OR SLEEPING.
9. THE HEATING PLANT SHALL CONFORM WITH ORDER IND. 23.5720 OF THE WISCONSIN BUILDING CODE.
10. SPACE DESIGNATED FOR USE BY THE CHILDREN SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILDREN AND SHALL NOT BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES WHILE THE CENTER IS OPEN.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. First floor rooms are preferred for the care of pre-school children.

(2) Lighting

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN AN AVERAGE OF 10 FOOT CANDLES OF ILLUMINATION IN EVERY ROOM AS MEASURED ON A LIGHT METER.

(3) Ventilation

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE EITHER A VENTILATING SYSTEM OR OUTSIDE WINDOWS WHICH CONFORM TO ORDER IND. 23.5719 OF THE WISCONSIN STATE BUILDING CODE.

(4) Room Temperatures

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. A TEMPERATURE OF NOT LESS THAN 70 DEGREES SHALL BE MAINTAINED AS MEASURED 18 INCHES FROM THE FLOOR.

(5) Protective Measures.

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. FIREPLACES, STEAM RADIATORS, AND OPEN HEATERS SHALL BE PROTECTED BY SCREENS OR GUARDS.
2. MATERIALS HARMFUL TO CHILDREN SUCH AS DRUGS, MATCHES, FIRE-ARMS, AND TOOLS SHALL BE KEPT OUT OF REACH OF THE CHILDREN.
3. EACH FLOOR OF THE DAY CARE CENTER SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER BEARING THE CURRENT LABEL OF THE UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES. AUTOMATIC CARBON TETRACHLORIDE EXTINGUISHERS ARE PROHIBITED.
4. THE CENTER SHALL HAVE A TELEPHONE SERVICE.

(6) Play Space

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. INDOORS
 - a. THE SPACE USED BY THE CHILDREN SHALL INCLUDE 35 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE PER CHILD, EXCLUSIVE OF HALLWAYS, BATHROOMS, LOCKERS, LAUNDRY AND FURNACE ROOMS AND THAT PART OF THE KITCHEN OCCUPIED BY STATIONARY EQUIPMENT.
2. OUTDOORS
 - a. THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST 75 SQUARE FEET PER CHILD OF SAFE PLAY SPACE.
 - b. THE OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE SHALL BE ENCLOSED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PREVENT THE CHILDREN FROM LEAVING THE PREMISES WITHOUT PROPER SUPERVISION.
 - c. OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS SHALL BE WELL DRAINED.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. Outdoors
 - a. Part of the outdoor play space should have a hard surface.
 - b. Provision should be made for shade in part of the play area.

(7) Sleeping Facilities

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST 35 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE PER CHILD AND NOT LESS THAN 280 CUBIC FEET OF AIR SPACE IN SLEEPING ROOMS.
2. IF THE CENTER IS IN OPERATION FOUR OR MORE HOURS A DAY, SLEEPING FACILITIES SHALL BE PROVIDED.
 - a. INDIVIDUAL COTS OR BEDS ARE REQUIRED.
 - b. INDIVIDUAL BEDDING, SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN WARMTH, SHALL BE PROVIDED EITHER BY THE PARENTS OR BY THE CENTER. COVERS SHALL BE LAUNDERED AS NEEDED AND ALWAYS UPON CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY.
 - c. CHILDREN SHALL NOT USE BEDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD.
 - d. ROWS OF COTS SHALL BE SEPARATED BY AT LEAST TWO FEET. IF THERE ARE NOT PARTITIONS BETWEEN COTS, HEAD TO TOE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.
3. CHILDREN MAY REST ON RUGS IN HALF-DAY PROGRAMS ONLY. EACH CHILD SHALL HAVE HIS OWN RUG. RUGS SHALL BE WASHED FREQUENTLY.

PW-CY 40.09 SANITATION STANDARDS

(1) Inspection

(a) Recommended Standards

1. There should be an initial inspection of each building by the State Health Department or the local health department and continuing conformance to all local regulations with regard to sanitation, water supply, garbage, and sewage disposal.

(2) Drinking Water

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. A SUPPLY OF SAFE DRINKING WATER SHALL BE READILY AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES FROM A DRINKING FOUNTAIN OF THE ANGLE JET TYPE, OR BY USE OF INDIVIDUAL CUPS.
2. IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS FROM OTHER THAN A PUBLIC SOURCE, IT SHALL BE OF SAFE SANITARY QUALITY AND SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF WHICH SHALL COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

(3) Milk

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. ALL MILK USED FOR DRINKING SHALL BE CERTIFIED PASTEURIZED GRADE A.

(4) Washroom and Toilet Facilities

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. WASHROOM AND TOILET FACILITIES SHALL BE KEPT IN A SANITARY CONDITION TO ENABLE THE WASHING OF HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER TOILETING.
2. TOILETS NOT OF THE WATER FLUSH TYPE SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED AND THE SEWAGE DISPOSED OF BY MEANS OF AN INDEPENDENT SEWERAGE SYSTEM APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.
3. SEPARATE PLACES FOR EACH CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL WASH CLOTHS, TOWELS, COMBS, AND CLOTHING -- WHICH SHALL BE KEPT CLEAN -- ARE TO BE PROVIDED.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. One toilet and one wash basin should be provided for every ten children under care.
2. The toilets and wash basins should be of a height and suitable size for children.
3. The floor of the toilet room should conform with Order Ind. 23.5257 of the State Building Code.
4. The use of paper towels is recommended.

(5) Screens

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. WINDOW AND DOORWAY OPENINGS SHALL BE PROPERLY SCREENED IN SEASON.

(6) Housekeeping

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. THE PREMISES SHALL BE NEAT AND CLEAN.

(7) Refrigeration

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. ALL PERISHABLE FOOD AND DRINK SHALL BE STORED IN A REFRIGERATOR WHICH SHALL HAVE A TEMPERATURE MAINTAINED AT OR BELOW 50 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

- a. PERISHABLE FOODS INCLUDE MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, MEAT, FISH, POULTRY, SHELL FISH, EGGS, GRAVIES, POULTRY STUFFING, SALAD, AND OTHER MIXTURES CONTAINING ANY OF THE ABOVE FOODS.

(8) Food Preparation Facilities

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. IF FOOD IS SERVED, FACILITIES SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR PREPARATION, STORAGE AND SERVING IN A SANITARY CONDITION.
 - a. DISHES AND UTENSILS SHALL HAVE SMOOTH, HARD SURFACES, FREE FROM CRACKS, CHIPS, AND ROUGHENED AREAS.
 - b. THE FOOD PREPARATION TABLE SURFACES SHALL BE SMOOTH, NON-ABSORBENT AND EASILY CLEANED.
2. EATING AND DRINKING UTENSILS AND ALL UTENSILS USED IN FOOD PREPARATION, STORAGE AND SERVICE, SHALL BE PROMPTLY AND PROPERLY CLEANSED. HOT WATER AND SOAP OR A DETERGENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISHWASHING. ALL UTENSILS SHALL BE STORED IN CLEAN, DUST-PROOF AND VERMIN PROOF CABINETS THAT ARE TIGHTLY ENCLOSED ON ALL SIDES.

FW-CY 40.10 FINANCES STANDARDS

(1) Finances

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. IT IS REQUIRED THAT A CENTER SHALL HAVE, AND BE ABLE TO SHOW, A SOURCE OF FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO INSURE CONTINUOUS OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS.

FW-CY 40.11 INSURANCE STANDARDS

(1) Insurance

(a) REQUIRED STANDARDS

1. EACH CENTER SHALL CARRY WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WISCONSIN STATUTES, CHAPTER 102, AND COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY ACT.

(b) Recommended Standards

1. Each center should carry public liability and property damage insurance.

FW-CY 40.12 REPEAL OF FORMER STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

The Wisconsin Day Care Standards and Regulations No. 1.01 through 1.08 adopted by the Board of Public Welfare on November 10, 1949 are hereby repealed.

FW-CY 40.13 REVISION OF FORMS

Forms prescribed by the Department as required by law are set forth in the appendix and may subsequently be revised by the Department in conformance with the standards and regulations.