

HOW TITLE 19 IMPACTS LICENSING CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

- Process to bring schools into compliance generally takes up to one year
- Adjacent elementary school must be Title 19 compliant in addition to the ECE site or location so Early Childhood staff must work with Risk Management to create compliant evacuation maps for the proposed early childhood classroom and the elementary school. Plans are drafted by a subcontractor, submitted to the Fire Marshall for approval, and then posted at the site. After this exercise the Fire Inspector must come to the site to approve how the plans are mounted at the site.
- The Early Childhood Department must pay for each inspection. There are generally a minimum of three visits before the site is approved.
- Various test results for fire alarm and emergency lighting are not always readily available
- Facility issues to meet licensing requirements must be completed before the Fire Inspector or Licensing State Official can license the premises.
- Weekly follow up is necessary to make sure that both licensing and fire inspection mandates are met.
- Early Childhood staff works closely with the Facilities Department to address Title 19 and Community Care Licensing mandates

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE LEGISLATORS

- The Income Ceiling that determines a family's eligibility for services is very low for working families living in the Bay Area and should be adjusted to be more realistic
- Many families do not qualify for subsidized programs, but their income is too low for private care, which is challenging for parents
- The State legislators should develop a different formula to determine the income eligibility factor
- Please see Management Bulletin attached