

After School Programming You Can Count On

August 12, 2024 - May 29, 2025

You may Register online at:

https://girlsinc-pinellas.org/after-school/

Inspiring All Girls to be strong, smart and bold!

Pinellas County since 1961

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2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Wednesday, August 7-9 Girls Inc Staff School Year Training

Monday, August 12 First Day of Afterschool Program

Monday, September 2 Labor Day Holiday – Schools closed/**Girls Inc. Closed**

Monday, September 16- 20 Girls Inc. Closed – GIRLS INC ASPIRE

Monday, September 23 Non-student day - Schools closed /Girls Inc. Closed

Monday, October 14 Non-student day - Schools closed/**Girls Inc. Closed**

Tuesday, November 5 Election Day/Girls Inc. Closed

Monday, Nov 25 – 29 Thanksgiving Holidays - Schools closed/**Girls Inc. Closed**

Monday, Dec 23 – Jan 6 Winter Holidays - Schools closed/**Girls Inc. Closed**

Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Schools closed/Girls Inc. Closed

Friday, February 17 Non-student day - Schools closed/Girls Inc. Closed

Monday, March 17 - 21 Spring Break – Schools closed/**Girls Inc. Open**

Friday, April 18 -21 Good Friday & Non-student day - Schools closed/**Girls Inc Closed**

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Monday, May 27 Non-student day - Schools closed/Girls Inc. Closed

Thursday, May 29 Last Day for all students/Last Day of Girls Inc Afterschool Program

Friday, May 30-June 6 Girls Inc. Closed

Girls Inc Summer Program Begins June 9, 2025



Office Use Only
Enrollment Date:
Tuition Agreed Upon:
Name:
School:
Grade

2024-2025 After School Program Registration

Pinellas County Child Care Licensing requires all registration packets to be complete, accurate and legible. Incomplete packets cannot be accepted.

Prior to Attendance a completed registration packet is necessary for each child. Include a copy of a valid identification for primary caregiver (Florida ID, driver license, etc).

The first week of tuition is due at the time of registration. Payments can be made online. You will receive a link after you have registered. Payments may also be made by check or money order.

Families receiving a childcare subsidy (i.e., Early Learning Coalition) should present a valid voucher at the time of application. ELC families are still required to complete a registration packet and pay the initial week of tuition at the time of registration.

FEES

Registration: \$25

Standard Rate: \$65 weekly Military/LOE Families: Full Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available based on income eligibility guidelines. W2 form and 2 recent paystubs required from scholarship applicants.

Note on Attendance, Closures, and Tuition:

Families are billed weekly regardless of attendance; please refer to our Payment Policies section for more. IN the case of emergency closures (due to unforeseen conditions), you will be notified by phone or emails as soon as possible. Your account will be charged for the full week weekly tuition. **Girls Inc of Pinellas does not issue tuition refunds or registration refunds**. A calendar of Girls Inc open/close schedule is based on the Pinellas County Public Schools calendar and is available within this registration packet.

How did you hear about our program? [] referral
[] school flyer [] Website, Twitter Facebook or Instagram [] Special Event [] Other



CHILD'S ENROLLMENT RECORD

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY
Date Enrolled

Child's full legal name	First		A: -I -II -	1	Nielmen
Date of Birth	FIISI	N	<i>Sex</i>	Last	Nickname
Primary Hours of Care				Week in Care	
Child's Physical Addr	ess_ Street Address	(number, apartment #, s	treet) City	Ste	ate Zip Code
Family Information:				1	
Parent's Name			Parent's Name_		
Address:			Address		
Employer:			Employer:		
Address:			Address:		
Work Phone	Cell		Work Phone	Cell_	
Custody: Mother	_Father	_ Both	Other	rName	
Emergency Contacts: Child will be released o people will also be cont accident or emergency,	nly to the custo acted and are	authorized to rem	ove the child fro	om the children's c	enter in case of illness,
Home Phone			Cell Phone		
Address	Street Address (nur	mber, apartment #, stree	t) City	State	Zip Code
Name					
Home Phone			Cell Phone _		
Address					
	Street Address (nui	mber, apartment #, stree	t) City	State	Zip Code

Please use additional sheet of paper to list name, address and phone number of any other people authorized to pick the child up.

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CHILD'S ENROLLMENT RECORD (Back Page)

Medical Information:

Child's Physician/Health Resource			
Telephone Number			
AddressStreet Address (number, apartment #, street)			
		State	Zip Code
Hospital Preference			
Name of DentistTelep			
AddressStreet Address (number, apartment #, street)	City	State	Zip Code
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Meals typically served while in care: ☐ Breakfast ☐ A	AIVI Snack	□Lunch □PW Shack	□Supper
Emergency Care Plan instructions (if applicable)			
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION			
_ist all known allergies			
List all identifying scars, birthmarks, skin discolorations			
Special medical or dietary needs of child			
_ist any areas of concern			
My signature below verifies that:			
give permission to consult the child's physician/hoparent/legal guardian cannot be reached.	ealth resou	urce listed above in cas	se of emergency if
have received a copy of the "Know Your Child's Childre	n's Center'	brochure.	
was notified in writing of the disciplinary and expulsi	ion policies	s used by the children's	center. I was
provided the food and nutrition policies used by the child	dren's cent	er.	
permit my child to leave Girls Inc on authorized trips un	nder the sup	pervision of Girls Inc staff	
our signature below indicates that you have received the alsomplete and accurate. I hereby grant permission for the sta			
Signature of Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian			Date



EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELEASE

This form must contain only one child's name, and be the original notarized form.

A new notarized form is required when there is a change in legal guardianship.

Please Print Information

FC-0003 Sample (2/19/20)

Child's Full Name:	Birthdate:		
Allergies:			
Medicines Routinely Taken:			
Name of Custodial Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):			
Address: Street Address (number, apartment #, street)			
			,
Home TelephoneCell Telephone	Wo	rk Telephone _	
Family Physician's Name/Health Care Resource:			
Address:			
Address: Street Address (number, apartment #, street)	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone ()			
Hospital Preference:		2.	_
Name Medical Insurance Company:		City	
Policy #:			
Emergency Contact (if custodial parent/guardian cannot be re	eached):		
Address: Street Address (number, apartment #, street)	City	State,	Zip Code
Home TelephoneCell Telephone			
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Sign in the presence of the Notary.	ian ka adminiskan na		and the many shalled
I hereby give my consent to any emergency facility and physic		•	·
(Child's Full Name)	, in the event of a	in emergency a	it which time
I cannot be reached. I give consent to transport by ambulance	e if situation warrants	it.	
Signature of Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian (Affiant)			
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF	<u> </u>		
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this			20
by means of \Box physical presence or \Box online notarization by $_$	(Month)	(Day)	<i>(Year)</i> who is personally knowl
	(Name of Affiant)		
to me or has produced	as ide	ntification.	SEAL OF NOTARY
· · · ·			
Signed: (Signature of Notary)			

Florida Department of Health Child Care Food Program

Child Participation Form

Name of Chil	d:	_Name of Facil	ity:				
Dear Parent: Please fill out the following information so that your child may participate in the Child Care Food Program, which reimburses child care providers for serving nutritious, well-balanced meals to children in child care.							
If child care	If child care hours are the same every day, please complete this chart.						
Day	Normal Hours in Care	Meals Norr	mally Received	While in Care			
Mon – Fri	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast ☐ PM Snack ☐	AM Snack 🗆 Supper 🗖	Lunch □ Eve Snack □			
		OR					
If child care	hours are <u>not</u> the same e	every day, ple	ase complete	this chart.			
Monday	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast ☐ PM Snack ☐		Lunch □ Eve Snack □			
Tuesday	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast ☐ PM Snack ☐	AM Snack □ Supper □	Lunch □ Eve Snack □			
Wednesday	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast ☐ PM Snack ☐	AM Snack ☐ Supper ☐	Lunch □ Eve Snack □			
Thursday	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast ☐ PM Snack ☐	AM Snack ☐ Supper ☐	Lunch 🗆 Eve Snack 🗆			
Friday	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast ☐ PM Snack ☐		Lunch □ Eve Snack □			
Saturday	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast ☐ PM Snack ☐	AM Snack ☐ Supper ☐	Lunch □ Eve Snack □			
Sunday	a.m. a.m. p.m. top.m.	Breakfast PM Snack	AM Snack ☐ Supper ☐	Lunch □ Eve Snack □			
□ Check I	nere if your child has no re	egularly sched	duled hours of	care			
Signature of F	Parent/Guardian:		Date:_				
Printed Name	7.	Pho	one Number:				

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATION - COMBO

Child's Name:	Center Name & Address:			
Primary Hours of Care: From:To:_	Days of the Week in Care: M T	W TH F S S Meals Typically Served W	hile in Care: BR MS	LU AS SU ES None
Please read the instructions and accompanying	Parent Letter before completing this form. If	you need assistance completing this form	n, call: ()	_
STEP 1: Complete the following table for all	INFANTS and CHILDREN through age 18	that reside in the household, even if no	ot related. (include ch	nild listed at top of form)
Child's Name (Last Name, First Name				Homeless/Runaway? (circle)
	Yes	No Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
	Yes	No Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
	Yes	No Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
		No Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
STEP 2: Do any household members (childre		gram (FAP/SNAP) or Temporary Assis	tance for Needy Fan	nilies (TANF) benefits?
If NO, go to STEP 3. If YES, enter one of the fo	llowing case numbers, then go to STEP 5.			
FAP/SNAP Case Number: STEP 3: Children's Income Information (see		Case Number:	# in STEP 2)	
Children's Income – sometimes children earn	or receive income. Enter the total income rec	ceived by all children listed in STEP 1, the	n check how often the	e income is received.
Children's income – Total: \$	How often received? (check only	v one): 🗆 Weekly 🗆 Bi-Weekly 🗀 Twi	ice a Month 🛚 Month	nly 🗆 Annually
STEP 4: Household income and adult house	hold member information (see reverse sign	de for what types of income to report) (skip this step if you lis	sted a case # in STEP 2)
Adult Household Members and Income – list taxes & deductions) from each source in what does not receive income from any source, where the source is the source of the sour	nole dollars only (no cents) and how often	it is received (i.e., weekly, bi-weekly, t	wice a month, montl	hly, or annually). For an adult
Adult Household Member's Name (Last Name, First Name)	Earnings from Work (\$ Amount / How often?)	Public Assistance/Child Support/Al (\$ Amount / How often?)		Retirement/All Other Income Amount / How often?)
	\$ / Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually	\$ / Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually		/ Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually
	\$ / Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually	\$ / Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually	у \$	/ Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually
Total Household Members (Add STEP 1 & 4):	Last four digits of Social Security	Number (SSN) of adult household me	mber:	If no SSN, write "none."
STEP 5: Contact information and adult signal By signing below, I am certifying (promising) that a of federal funds and that institution officials may ve	all information on this application is true and tha			
Home address (if available):			Daytime phone #: (
	Street Address, City, State, Zip	Code		
Signature of adult household member:		Printed name:		Date signed:
OPTIONAL: Child's ethnic and racial identities We are Responding to this section is optional and does not affect				
Race (check one or more): American Indian or FOR CONTRACTOR USE ONLY:	r Alaskan Native Asian Black or	African American	Other Pacific Islander	White
Categorical Eligibility: ☐ FAP/SNAP or TANF House	ehold Foster Child Total Household	Size: Total Household Income:	\$	
Eligibility Determination: Free Reduced-Pri NOTE: If different income frequencies are	ice	ne is Received (Frequency): \square Weekly \square nt. Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 5	•	
Reason for Non-needy Status: Income too High	☐ Incomplete Application ☐ Other Reason:			
Determining Official's Signature:	Date:	Second Party Check Signature:		Date:
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INSTRUCTIONS for completing the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application (use a pen and print all information other than signature)

Print the name of the child you are applying for at the top pf the form. Print the name and address of the child care center the child attends, if not already pre-printed. Print the primary hours of care for your child. Circle the days of the week your child primarily attends the child care center and the meals that you expect your child to receive while in care: breakfast (BR), morning snack (MS), lunch (LU), afternoon snack (AS), supper (SU), and/or evening snack (ES).

IF ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP/SNAP) OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BENEFITS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1: List all children age 18 and under that are supported with the household's income, even if they are not related to you. Be sure to include the child listed at the top of the form. If there is not enough space to list all children, use a second form and attach the forms together. List the date of birth of each child. In the next three columns, circle Yes or No to answer each question for each child listed. STEP 2: Enter either the FAP/SNAP or TANF case number in the designated space. The case number will be on your letter of eligibility; it is not the number on your EBT card. STEP 3: Skip this step. STEP 5: Enter your address and phone # (if available). An adult household member must sign the form. Print the name of the person who signed the form, then enter the date signed.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS: With appropriate documentation, foster children are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household where they reside. You have the option to provide the child care center with official documentation from the foster care agency or court that placed the child in the household, rather than completing this application. Should you choose to complete this application, and you are applying only for a foster child(ren), then only complete STEPS 1 and 5. If you are applying for foster and non-foster children, complete STEPS 1, 3, 4 and 5. If completing STEP 3, do not include payments to the household for the care of the foster child(ren). See the instructions listed below for the applicable steps.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1: List all children age 18 and under that are supported with the household's income, even if they are not related to you. Be sure to include the child listed at the top of the form. If there is not enough space to list all children, use a second form and attach the forms together. List the date of birth of each child. In the next three columns, circle Yes or No to answer each question for each child listed. STEP 2: Skip this step. STEP 3: Enter the total income received by all children listed in STEP 1, then check how often the income is received. STEP 4: List all adults age 19 and older that are supported with the household's income, even if they are not related to you and even if they receive no income. If there is not enough space to list all adults, use a second form and attach the forms together. For each adult, list the amount of income he/she regularly receives before taxes or anything else is taken out and circle how often the income is received (frequency) in the appropriate columns. If self-employed, list net income. See examples below for sources of income to report. For any adult with no income, write "none" or "0." Any income fields that are blank will also be counted as a zero (0). Enter the total number of household members (all children and adults), then list the last four digits of the social security number (SSN) of the adult completing/signing the application (or write NONE if he/she has no SSN). STEP 5: Enter your address and phone # (if available). An adult household member must sign the form. Print the name of the person who signed the form, then enter the date signed.

Sources of Income for Children		Sources of Income for Adults			
Earnings from work	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/ Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income	
Social Security Disability Payments Survivor's Benefits	 A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits 	 Salary, wages, cash bonuses Net income from self- employment (farm or business) 	Unemployment benefits Worker's compensation Supplemental Security	 Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private pensions or disability benefits 	
Income from person outside the household	A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money	If you are in the U.S. Military: Basic pay and cash bonuses (do	Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government	 Regular income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income 	
Income from any other source	A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust	NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) • Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	Alimony paymentsChild support paymentsVeteran's benefitsStrike benefits	Earned interest Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household	

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that, unless you list a current Food Assistance Program (FAP/SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) case number or are applying for a foster child, you must include the last four digits of the Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult household member signing the application or indicate that the signer does not have a SSN. Providing the last four digits of a SSN is not mandatory, but if this information is not given or an indication is not made that the signer does not have a SSN, the application cannot be approved. The information provided on this form may be verified through program reviews, audits, and investigations and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a welfare office to verify receipt of FAP/SNAP or TANF benefits, contacting the state employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received, and checking any documentation produced by the household to prove the amount of income received. These verification efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims, or legal actions if incorrect information is reported. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs; auditors for program reviews; and law enforcement officials to help them investigate violations of program rules. **This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Please refer to the accompanying Parent Letter to read the full Nondiscrimination Statement**



Food Experience Permission Form

I give permission for my child	to participate in
food related activities.	
Please check one of the following:	
My child DOES NOT have a food allergy or die	etary restriction.
My child DOES have a food allergy or dietary	restriction. He or she may
participate, but may not eat or handle the following items (p	elease list below)
My child DOES have a food allergy or dietary	restriction. He or she may
not participate in activities.	
Parent Signature Date	

PARENT LETTER FOR NON-PRICING PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:	Date:
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We participate in the Child Care Food Program (CCFP), which provides reimbursement for serving nutritious meals to enrolled children. All meals served must meet meal pattern requirements established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In the operation of USDA child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

The information requested on the attached Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application is necessary so that we may receive reimbursement for meals served to your child while in care. The amount of reimbursement we receive from the CCFP depends on the household income status of the enrolled children. Please complete the attached application, sign, date, and return it to the address listed below. **Please refer to the back of the application for full instructions.** Your application will be placed in our files and kept confidential.

Children from households that receive Food Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits are eligible for free meals. Children enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start (HS/EHS) are eligible for free meals, subject to the submission of official, acceptable HS/EHS enrollment documentation. With proper documentation, HS/EHS children will not need Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications. Foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside, subject to the submission of official, acceptable foster care agency/court documentation or a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Children from households with total incomes less than or equal to the levels listed below are eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
For each additional family member, add	+8,288	+691	+346	+319	+160

HOW TO COMPLETE:

If any member of your household currently receives Food Assistance Program (FAP) or TANF benefits, then any child in the household is eligible for free meals. The application must include the child's name, the FAP or TANF case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

If completing a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application for a foster child, the application must identify the child as a foster child, and include the child's name, any "personal use" income, and an adult's signature. Households wishing to apply for meal benefits for foster children should contact us if they have any questions.

If you do not list a FAP or TANF case number, or if the child is not a foster child, the application must include:

- · the child's name;
- the names of all household members, including spouse, children, parents or other persons who live with you in the same household;
- the amount of income each person usually receives (before deductions for taxes, social security, etc.), how often it is received, and where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or public assistance. For self-employed persons, list net income. Net income is defined as gross receipts less operating expenses. For persons who do not receive any income, write "0" or "None";

- the signature of an adult household member; and
- the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signed the application or the word "none" if that adult does not have a social security number.

VERIFICATION: Your application may be reviewed by the child care center or other officials at any time during the year to determine if it has been correctly approved. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The information that you report will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals in the CCFP. **REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for free and reduced-price meals at any time during the year. If you are not eligible now but your household experiences a change, such as, a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, unemployment or receipt of Food Assistance Program or TANF benefits, then complete a new application.

Sincerely,		
Name and Title of Child Care Center Representative	Name of Child Care Center	
Address	Phone Number	

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Name of Child	: <u> </u>	School:E	intering Grade:	
Things You Wa	ant Us To Know Ab	out Your Child:		
Does your chil	•	ecial needs status? learning needs or specific difficulties in so provide details.	[] Yes [] No chool? [] Yes [] No	
Does your chil	•	raff to administer medications? or impairments that staff should be aware provide details.	[] Yes [] No e of? [] Yes [] No	
My child(ren) a	tain family circums	nearby to rely on for support. Stances that would be helpful for us to tails to the above questions.	[] Yes [] No be aware of? [] Yes [] No	
	e arry additional des	tails to the above questions.		
	ellas requires child	and family demographic data to be provi anonymously to meet reporting require		
Participant Ag	e (circle):	Participant Identifies A	∖ s:	
5	12	Black/African Ame	Black/African American	
6	13	Asian American		
7	14	Pacific Islander		
8	15	Native American/		
9	16	White/European A	American	
10	17	Latina/Hispanic		
11	18	Multi-Ethnic		

Annual Household Income:	Participant lives with:	
less than \$10,000	Both parents	
\$10,001 – 20,000	Single Parent	
\$20,001 – 30,000	Group Home	
\$30,001 – 50,000	Foster Parents	
Greater than \$50,000	Multigenerational household	
	Parent & Stepparent	
	Relative	
	Other	
Parent/Guardian Highest Level of Education Co	ompleted:	
Middle School	High School Diploma	
	High School Equivalent	
	Graduate degree	
PhD or equivalent		
Total Number of People Living in the Household	:	
AdultsChildren		
Do you speak another language? [] Yes [] No		
If yes, list language(s):		
Place of Employment:		
,		
Are you interested in volunteering at Girls Inc o	f Pinellas? [] Yes [] No	
What you should know about Girls Inc Bules C	andust and Dissipling Procedures	

What you should know about Girls Inc Rules, Conduct and Discipline Procedures:

Girls Inc. of Pinellas values safety as the highest priority for the girls in our care. Center rules are designed with safety in mind and we ask all families to help us in maintaining a safe environment by supporting our center rules, conduct and discipline procedures below.

Girls Inc has a zero tolerance policy for bullying and physical aggression or violence. We model the appropriate behaviors and abide by licensing regulations governing Pinellas County Children's Centers.

Girls Inc staff is trained to handle conflicts in ways that encourage girls to compromise with others, to develop self-discipline, and to resolve conflicts in a non-violent manner. Our program staff:

- Observe and allow girls to resolve conflicts on their own.
- If the girls need additional encouragement, we offer mediation as necessary.
- If the problem persists or escalates, we separate the girls for a "cooling off" period.
- If the problem a) creates a safety concern, b) escalates to a physical/verbal altercation, c) is unmanageable and/or repetitive, or d) continues to be a distraction during activities,

we discuss the behavior with the parent. Depending on the behavior, we may need to complete an incident report.

If the problem is *an immediate safety issue or if physical violence results* after taking the above actions, parents of each girl involved will be called. Any girl participating in physical violence will need to leave with their parent and may be suspended for the next day.

What You Should Know About Transportation:

Safety and behavior policies while being transported are outlined by each driver. Families will receive notification of violations reported by drivers. Repeated violations of safety and behavior policies could result in suspension of transportation.

If your child is under the age of 6 years old and/or weighs less than 40 lbs, they may be required to be seated in a child restraint device. Check Yes, if your child requires a restraint device **OR** check No, if this does not apply to your child.

**Yes[] No[]

How You Drop Off and Pick Up; Sign In and Sign Out your child:

Children are required to be escorted into the Center by a parent/guardian or authorized pick up person listed in the Emergency Contacts section of the Child's Enrollment Record contained in this registration packet. Parents/Guardians or pick up persons may be asked to show their photo ID at any time throughout the term. Girls Inc of Pinellas uses a computerized scanning system that assigns a unique bar code to each child located on their individual ID badge kept at the Center front desk. Parents/Guardians or pick up persons must make sure that each child is signed in and out each day of attendance. Parents are responsible for arranging child pick up prior to the center closing at 5:30 pm. We close **promptly at 5:30 pm**. There will be a \$5 per minute late charge, adjusted from \$1 per minute, for anyone picking up children after 5:30 pm, as a gesture of appreciation towards our team, sparing them from staying late after a full day of programming. All late pick up fees must be paid **BEFORE** the participant returns to aftercare. **No exception**. A non-emergency call to the appropriate authorities will be warranted after 6:00 pm. A family that is late for pick up three times may be terminated.

Public Relations Release:

I give permission (without compensation) for Girls Inc of Pinellas to use my child's name, photograph, video image, or television production for Girls Inc public relations/promotional purposes only.

**Yes[] No[]

Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Requirements:

All child care personnel are mandated by law to report their suspicions of child abuse, neglect, or abandonment to the Florida Abuse Hotline in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Head Lice Checks:

Per licensing requirements, Girls Inc. of Pinellas periodically does head lice checks. If there is any indication of head lice or nits, families will be notified and required to pick up their child immediately.

Payment Policies:

Non Student Day drop in tuition and Spring Break Camp tuition is due one week prior to attendance. Weekly tuition for the Before and After School Program is due every Friday prior to the week attending. Please note that we do not offer a part-time tuition rate, your weekly rate applies even if your child attends only part of the time. Our administrative office will regularly inform parents of their current

If your account has a previous remaining balance, this will need to be paid in full prior to Before and After School Program enrollment and attendance.

Nonpayment of weekly tuition will result in termination of enrollment after two weeks. If families are unable to make a weekly tuition payment, please contact the office immediately to speak to someone about a payment plan.

Additional Fees:

- Payments are due weekly by Friday. There is a \$10.00 late charge if payment is not received bythe close of business Monday.
- \$5.00 per minute will be assessed for late pick-ups and is due at pick up.
- \$35.00 will apply in the case of an insufficient funds check and will be added to the balance owed.

Payment options are flexible and can be made by:

- Credit card via link you will receive after registration
- Money order or Check in the Center front desk tuition box or received in our office
- Cash will not be accepted

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all policies, releases and statements contained in this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:	
Print Name:			
Parent Email:	@		

If the contact information (name, phone#, address, email) for any person included in this registration packet changes at any point during the term OR if you wish to add additional contacts, please contact the office immediately to update the record.

Girls Incorporated of Pinellas Public Relations Release Form

I give permission (without compensation) for Girls Incorporated of Pinellas to use my child's name, photograph, video image, or television production for public/relations/promotional purposes.

By signing this Release Form I acknowledge that I have the legal authority to make this decision.

CHILD'S NAME

CHILD'S NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD

SIGNATURE

DATE



Tuition Payment at Girls Inc of Pinellas

** Tuition is due by the Friday before the following week of attendance >

Payments can be made by:

- ✔ Credit card a link will be provided once your child is registered
- ✓ Money order or Check at the front desk **Please remember to write your child's name on the check or money order so we can credit the correct account. **

Cash will not be accepted

QUALITY CHILD CARE

Quality child care offers health, social, and Educational experiences under qualified Supervision in a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment. Children in these settings participate in daily, age-appropriate Activities that help develop essential skills, Build independence and instill self-respect. When evaluating the quality of a child care Setting, the following indicators should be Considered:

QUALITY CAREGIVERS

- Are friendly and eager to care for children.
- Accept family cultural and ethnic differences.
- Are warm, understanding, encouraging and responsive to each child's individual needs.
- Use a pleasant tone of voice and frequently hold, cuddle and talk to the children.
- Help children manage their behavior in a positive, constructive and non-threatening manner.
- Allow children to play alone or in small groups.
- Are attentive to and interact with the children.
- Provide stimulating, interesting and educational activities.
- Demonstrate knowledge of social and emotional needs and developmental tasks for all children.
- Communicate with parents.

QUALITY ENVIRONMENTS

- Are clean, safe, inviting, comfortable, childfriendly..
- Provide easy access to age-appropriate toys.
- Displays children's activities and creations.

Provide a safe and secure environment that fosters the growing independence of all children.

QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Are children initiated and teacher facilitated.
- Include social interchanges with all children.
- Are expressive including play, painting, Drawing, storytelling, music, dancing and Other varied activities.
- Include exercise and coordination development.
- Include free play and organized activities.
- Include opportunities for all children to read, explore, and problem-solve.

PARENT'S ROLE

A parent's role in quality child care is vital:

- Inquire about the qualifications and experience of child care staff, as well as staff turnover.
- Know the children's center policies and procedures.
- Communicate directly with caregivers.
- Visit and observe the children's center.
- Participate in special activities, meetings, and conferences.
- Talk to your child about their daily experiences in the children's center.
- Arrange alternate care for a sick child.
- Familiarize yourself with the child care standards used to license the children's center.

PINELLAS COUNTY CHILDREN'S CENTERS GENERAL INFORMATION

For a listing of children's centers, contact 211 Tampa Bay Cares at 2-1-1.

For an appointment to review a children's center file or to file a complaint contact the Child Care Licensing Program at (727) 507-4857.

For further information about child care in Florida or to view children's center inspection reports, visit the website:

MyFLFamilies.com/ChildCare



Our mission is to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

The statewide toll-free telephone number for reporting child abuse is 1-800-96 ABUSE (1-800-962-2873). Reports of suspected and actual cases of child physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect received through the Abuse Registry number are referred to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department for investigation.

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Nursery School ★ Kindergarten

Day Nursery * School Age Center



PINELLAS COUNTY LICENSE BOARD for Children's Centers and Family Child Care Homes

8751 Ulmerton Road, Suite 2000 Largo, FL 33771 Telephone 727-507-4857 www.pclb.org

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PINELLAS COUNTY CHILDREN'S CENTERS LICENSING STANDARDS

This children's center has met regulations found in Licensing Regulations Governing Pinellas County Children's Centers.

A valid temporary permit or license, which bears the distinctive seals of Pinellas County and the Florida Department of Children and Family Services, is posted in a conspicuous place within the center. A valid temporary permit or license will also include: effective and expiration dates, a license number, capacity and ages of children in care.

A LICENSED CHILDREN'S CENTER MUST:

- Adhere to its licensed capacity at all times.
- Post a schedule of daily activities.
- Have first aid and emergency procedures, and post evacuation diagrams in each room.
- Keep accurate, current daily attendance records and document a visual sweep of the entire premises at the end of each day.
- Provide parent(s) or legal guardian(s) access to the children's center during normal hours of operation.
- Report suspected child abuse to the statewide tollfree telephone number.
- Provide a permission form for parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to allow the center to administer medication as necessary.
- Document required information when administering medication.
- Document accidents and incidents and obtain parent's, legal guardian's or authorized pick-up person's signature(s).
- Maintain vehicles in safe condition if transportation is provided.
- Obtain parent's or legal guardian's permission before transporting children.
- Maintain contact information for children in vehicles being used for transport and emergency care plans for children with chronic medical conditions.

CHILDREN'S RECORDS REQUIREMENTS

The following documentation is required to be maintained in the children's center for each child in care:

- A signed statement that parent or legal guardian received a copy of this brochure.
- A statement signed by parent or legal guardian that enrollment information is complete and accurate.
- A signed statement that the children's center has provided parent(s) or legal guardian(s) a copy of the written disciplinary practices.
- A current health examination record (not required for school age children).
- A current Florida Certificate of Immunization (not required for school age children).
- ❖ A notarized Emergency Medical Release.
- Medical records that include special medical or dietary needs and a list of allergies, if applicable.
- Primary hours of care and days of week in care.
- Telephone numbers or instructions as to how to reach parent(s) or legal guardian(s) when children are in care.
- Hospital preference.
- Child's full, legal name, birth date, date of enrollment, current address and preferred name/nick name.
- Name, address, and telephone number of parent or legal guardian.
- Name, address and telephone number of emergency person(s), other than parent or legal guardian.
- Name, address and telephone number of physician and dentist.
- Proof of receipt by parent(s) or legal guardian(s) every August and September of information regarding causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus.

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

- Director has a Director Credential with the certificate posted.
- Documentation that staff meets the staff credentialing requirement (not required for school age centers).
- Completion of background screening.
- Completion of 40-Hour Introductory Child Care training.
- Completion of 10 hours training annually.
- Completion of early literacy training (not required for school age centers).
- Documentation of educational requirements.
- Meet minimum age requirements.
- Signed statements that employees understand the statutory requirement of reporting child abuse/neglect.
- Staff trained in first aid and CPR on the premises at all times and on field trips
- Staff maintain direct supervision including minimum adult-child ratios:

2 months-1 year
1 year-2 years
2 year olds
3 year olds
4 year olds
5 years and up
1 adult for 3 children
1 adult for 5 children
1 adult for 10 children
1 adult for 15 children
1 adult for 20 children
1 adult for 25 children

NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) notified of meals provided that are of quality and quantity to assure child's nutritional needs are met or arrangements made for parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to provide nutritional food.
 - Posted meal and snack menus.
 - Safe drinking water is available.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Has sufficient indoor space for playing and napping that is kept clean, adequately lighted, vented and in good repair.

- Has indoor and outdoor space that is clean and free of litter and other hazards.
- Has toys, equipment and furnishings that are age and developmentally appropriate, and are maintained in an operable, safe, and sanitary condition.
- Has appropriate bathroom facilities that are operable, clean and sanitized (daily).
- Has isolation area for ill children.
- Has equipment for proper sanitary hand washing, toileting, and diapering activities.
- Has at least one corded, operable telephone available to staff.

HEALTH RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Annual approved fire inspections conducted.
- Monthly checks to ensure all areas of the children's center are free from fire hazards.
- Smoking is prohibited on premises.
- Storage of toxic and hazardous materials in areas inaccessible to children.
- Fire and emergency drills conducted as required.
- A labeled, fully stocked first aid kit.
- Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) notified of all animals on site.
- Records of immunizations for animals/fowl.
- Prohibit fire arms or weapons on premises (excluding federal, state and local law enforcement officers).
- Prohibit narcotics, alcohol or other impairing drugs on the premises.
- Bimonthly outdoor equipment maintenance checks.

Child Care Food Program Meal Pattern for Children

The Child Care Food Program (CCFP) provides aid to child care institutions and family day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children. Child care providers must ensure that each meal served to children contains, at a minimum, each of the food components in the amounts indicated for the appropriate age group as stated in the CCFP Meal Pattern for Children.

Child Meal Pattern		Age Group and Serving Size:		
	Food Components:	1 and 2 year olds:	3 – 5 year olds:	6 – 18¹ year olds:
	Milk ²			
	Fluid milk	4 fluid ounces	6 fluid ounces	8 fluid ounces
	Vegetables, fruits, or portions of both ³			
St	Vegetable(s) and/or fruit(s)	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup
Breakfast (3 components)	Grains*5,6,7 *whole grain, whole grain-rich, enriched Bread Bread product such as biscuit, roll, muffin Cooked breakfast cereal ⁸ , cereal grain, and/or pasta Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal (dry, cold) ⁸ *Meat and meat alternates may be used to meet the entire grains requirement a maximum of three times a week. ⁶	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup 1/4 cup *½ OZ. (optional)	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup 1/3 cup *½ OZ. (optional)	1 slice 1 serving 1/2 cup 3/4 cup *1 oz. (optional)
	Milk ²			
	Fluid milk	4 fluid ounces	6 fluid ounces	8 fluid ounces
	Meat and Meat Alternates			
Lunch/Supper (5 components)	Lean meat, poultry, or fish ¹⁰ Tofu, soy products, or alternate protein products ¹¹ Cheese Large egg Cooked dry beans or peas Peanut butter or soynut butter or other nut/seed butters Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened ¹² Peanuts, soynuts, tree nuts, or seeds ⁹	1 oz. 1 oz. 1 oz. 1/2 egg 1/4 cup 2 Tbsp. 4 oz. or 1/2 cup 1/2 oz. = 50%	1 1/2 oz. 1 1/2 oz. 1 1/2 oz. 3/4 egg 3/8 cup 3 Tbsp. 6 oz. or 3/4 cup 3/4 oz. = 50%	2 oz. 2 oz. 2 oz. 1 egg 1/2 cup 4 Tbsp. 8 oz. or 1 cup 1 oz. = 50%
unch	Vegetables ^{3,4} Vegetables	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
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	Fruits	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/4 cup
	Grains*5,7 *whole grain, whole grain-rich, enriched Bread Bread product such as biscuit, roll, muffin Cooked breakfast cereal ⁸ , cereal grain, and/or pasta	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup	1 slice 1 serving 1/2 cup

Note: Milk must be served with each breakfast, lunch and supper meal. Between a child's first and second birthday, whole milk is required. After the child's second birthday, it is required that lowfat or fat-free milk be served. Flavored milk cannot be served to children less than 6 years of age.

Conversions:

 ½ cup = 4 fl. oz.
 1 pint = 2 cups

 ¾ cup = 6 fl. oz.
 1 quart = 2 pints = 4 cups

 1 cup = 8 fl. oz.
 1 gallon = 4 quarts = 16 cups

CCFP Meal Pattern for Children (continued)

Child Meal Pattern Food Components:		Age Group and Serving Size:		
		1 and 2 year olds:	3 – 5 year olds:	6 – 18¹ year olds:
	Milk² Fluid milk	4 fluid ounces	4 fluid ounces	8 fluid ounces
Snack ¹³ different components)	Meat and Meat Alternates Lean meat, poultry or fish ¹⁰ Tofu, soy products, or alternate protein products ¹¹ Cheese Large egg Cooked dry beans or peas	1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 egg 1/8 cup	1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 egg 1/8 cup	1 oz. 1 oz. 1 oz. 1/2 egg 1/4 cup
	Peanut butter or soynut butter or other nut/seed butters Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened ¹² Peanuts, soynuts, tree nuts, or seeds	1 Tbsp. 2 oz. or 1/4 cup 1/2 oz.	1 Tbsp. 2 oz. or 1/4 cup 1/2 oz.	2 Tbsp. 4 oz. or 1/2 cup 1 oz.
	Vegetables ³ Vegetables	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
(Select 2	Fruits ³ Fruits	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
9S)	Grains* 5,7 *whole grain, whole grain-rich, enriched Bread Bread product such as biscuit, roll, muffin Cooked breakfast cereal ⁸ , cereal grain, and/or pasta Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal (dry, cold) ⁸	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup 1/3 cup	1 slice 1 serving 1/2 cup 3/4 cup

- 1. Larger portion sizes than specified may need to be served to children 13 through 18 years old to meet their nutritional needs.
- For children age one must be unflavored whole milk.
 For children two through five years must be unflavored low-fat (1 percent) or unflavored fat-free (skim) milk.
 For children six years and older must be unflavored low-fat (1 percent), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk.
- 3. Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal, including snack, per day.
- 4. A vegetable may be used to meet the entire fruit requirement. When two vegetables are served at lunch or supper, two different kinds of vegetables must be served.
- 5. At least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be 100% whole grain. Grain-based desserts do not count towards meeting the grains requirement.
- 6. At breakfast, meat and meat alternates may be used to meet the entire grains requirement a maximum of three times a week. One ounce of meat and meat alternates is equal to one ounce equivalent of grains (one serving).
- 7. Beginning October 1, 2019, ounce equivalents are used to determine the quantity of creditable grains.
- 8. Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).
- 9. At lunch and supper, no more than 50% of the meat/meat alternate requirement can be met with nuts or seeds. Nuts or seeds must be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the requirement. For purpose of determining combinations, 1 ounce of nuts or seeds is equal to 1 ounce of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish.
- 10. The serving size for lean meat, poultry, or fish is the edible portion as served.
- 11. Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in Appendix A of Part 226.
- 12. Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.
- 13. At snack, select two of the five components for a reimbursable snack. Only one of the two components may be a beverage.

A change in daily routine, lack of sleep, stress, fatigue, cell phone use, and simple distractions are some things parents experience and can be contributing factors as to why children have been left unknowingly in vehicles...





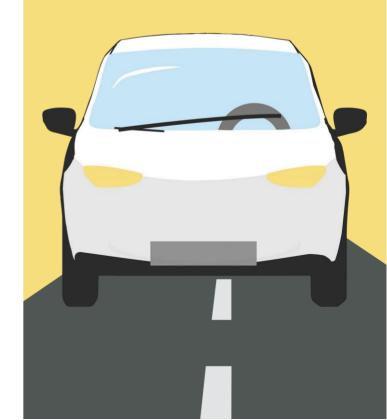
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DISTRACTED ADULT





FACTS ABOUT HEATSTROKE:

It only takes a car 10 minutes to heat up 20 degrees and become deadly.

Even with a window cracked, the temperature inside a vehicle can cause heatstroke.

The body temperature of a child increases 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's body.



PREVENTION TIPS:

- Never leave your child alone in a car and call 911 if you see any child locked in a car!
- · Make a habit of checking the front and back seat of the car before you walk away.
- Be especially mindful during hectic or busy times, schedule or route changes, and periods of emotional stress or chaos.
- Create reminders by putting something in the back seat that you will need at work, school or home such as a briefcase, purse, cell phone or your left shoe.
- Keep a stuffed animal in the baby's car seat and place it on the front seat as a reminder when the baby is in the back seat.
- Set a calendar reminder on your electronic device to make sure you dropped your child off at child care.
- · Make it a routine to always notify your child's child care provider in advance if your child is going to be late or absent; ask them to contact you if your child

hasn't arrived as scheduled.

During the 2018 legislative session,

a new law was passed that requires child care facilities, family day care homes and large family child care homes to provide parents, during the months of April and September each year, with information regarding the potential for distracted adults to fail to drop off a child at the facility/home and instead leave them in the adult's vehicle upon arrival at the adult's destination.

My signature below verifies receipt of the Distracted Adult brochure

Parent/Guardian:	
Child's Name:	
Date:	

Please complete and return this portion of the brochure to your child care provider, to maintain the receipt in their records.

During the 2009 legislative session, a new law was passed that requires child care facilities, family day care homes and large family child care homes provide parents with information detailing the causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus (the flu) every year during August and September.

My signature below verifies receipt of the brochure on Influenza Virus, The Flu, A Guide to Parents:

Name:	
Child's Name:	
Date Received:	
Signature:	

Please complete and return this portion of the brochure to your child care provider, in order for them to maintain it in their records.



What should I do if my child gets sick?

Consult your doctor and make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks a lot of fluids. Never give aspirin or medicine that has aspirin in it to children or teenagers who may have the flu.

CALL OR TAKE YOUR CHILD TO A DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY IF YOUR CHILD:

- · Has a high fever or fever that lasts a long time
- Has trouble breathing or breathes fast
- · Has skin that looks blue
- · Is not drinking enough
- Seems confused, will not wake up, does not want to be held, or has seizures (uncontrolled shaking)
- · Gets better but then worse again
- Has other conditions (like heart or lung disease, diabetes) that get worse



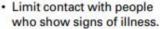
How can I protect my child from the flu?

A flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu. Because the flu virus changes year to year, annual vaccination against the flu is recommended. The CDC recommends that all children from the ages of 6 months up to their 19th birthday receive a flu vaccine every fall or winter (children receiving a vaccine for the first time require two doses). You also can protect your child by receiving a flu vaccine yourself.

What can I do to prevent the spread of germs?

The main way that the flu spreads is in respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing. This can happen when droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person are propelled through the air and infect someone nearby. Though much less frequent, the flu may also spread through indirect contact with contaminated hands and articles soiled with nose and throat secretions. To prevent the spread of germs:

- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Cover mouth/nose during coughs and sneezes. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.



 Keep hands away from the face. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.



When should my child stay home from child care?

A person may be contagious and able to spread the virus from 1 day before showing symptoms to up to 5 days after getting sick. The time frame could be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease well (people with weakened immune systems). When sick, your child should stay at home to rest and to avoid giving the flu to other children and should not return to child care or other group setting until his or her temperature has been normal and has been sign and symptom free for a period of 24 hours.

For additional helpful information about the dangers of the flu and how to protect your child, visit: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/

What is the influenza (flu) virus?

Influenza ("the flu") is caused by a virus which infects the nose, throat, and lungs. According to the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the flu is more dangerous than the common cold for children. Unlike the common cold, the flu can cause severe illness and life threatening complications in many people. Children under 5 who have the flu commonly need medical care. Severe flu complications are most common in children younger than 2 years old. Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as May.



How can I tell if my child has a cold, or the flu?

Most people with the flu feel tired and have fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. Because the flu and colds have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations.



For additional information, please visit www.myflorida.com/childcare or contact your local licensing office below:

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