

**Delacare: Rules for Early Care and Education Centers**  
**Effective date - January 1, 2007**

**Implementation Plan**

<p><b>APPLICANTS FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND SCHOOL-AGE CENTERS</b></p>	<p>A license shall be issued when an Applicant has been determined to have completed all requirements for application in accordance with <i>Rules # 96-97 of Delacare: Rules for Early Care and Education and School-Age Centers</i>. A license shall not be issued on the condition that the Applicant will come into compliance at some later date. All initial licenses shall be an "Initial Provisional License" for a period of six (6) months.</p>
<p><b>EXISTING LICENSED CENTERS (HOLDING A VALID LICENSE ON 12/31/06)</b></p>	<p><b>It is expected that Centers will be in full compliance with the <i>Delacare: Rules for Early Care and Education and School-Age Centers</i> immediately or at the earliest possible date but in no case after June 30, 2007) or the compliance date cited in a specific Rule (See Rules below) has occurred.</b> Centers will continue to be monitored by OCCL. For these Centers, the Office of Child Care Licensing will use the guidelines set forth in the next section of this document. <b><i>Delacare: Requirements for Day Care Centers (1988)</i> will remain the minimally accepted standard during the six (6) month implementation period and for new rules with specific time periods/dates beyond that six (6) month period. Once that six (6) month period has expired or the date for compliance with new rules with specific time periods/dates has occurred the standard to which all programs will be held is <i>Delacare: Rules for Early Care and Education and School-Age Centers (2007)</i>.</b></p>
<p><b>• NEW RULES – IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD</b></p>	<p><b>Compliance reviews and complaint investigations:</b> Between January 1, 2007 and June 30, 2007, Licensing Specialists will make note of any failure to comply with <i>Delacare: Rules for Early Care and Education and School-Age Centers</i>. These will not be officially recorded as non-compliance. However, 1988 <i>Delacare: Requirements for Day Care Centers</i> will serve as the baseline standard and any non-compliance with those Requirements will be recorded as non-compliance. <b>Centers will be expected to both correct the officially documented non-compliances and to move toward coming into compliance with the new Rules.</b> Licensing Specialists will provide technical assistance by identifying any non-compliance and offering suggestions on how compliance may be accomplished. <b>OCCL will take appropriate action in any situation in which the health, safety or well-being of a child or children is in serious or imminent danger.</b></p>
<p><b>• NEW GRANDMOTHERED RULES</b></p>	<p>Please review attached for specific rules and dates/time periods for compliance with Grandmothered Rules. <b>Centers are encouraged to comply at the earliest possible date, whenever possible.</b> Non-compliance will not be recorded until the specific date for compliance with a Grandmothered Rule has occurred. For these particular Rules compliance with the 1988 <i>Delacare: Requirements for Day Care Centers</i> is required.</p>
<p><b>• GRANDFATHERED RULES</b></p>	<p>Some rules allow existing Centers to stay at previous standards when certain conditions remain the same. <b>Compliance with 1988 <i>Delacare: Requirements for Day Care Centers</i> is required until conditions change at which time compliance with <i>Delacare: Rules for Early Care and Education and School-Age Centers (2007)</i> will be required.</b></p>
<p><b>• NON-COMPLIANCE BEYOND SPECIFIED DATE WHEN COMPLIANCE IS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>After time periods/dates for compliance expire, existing Centers will be cited for non-compliance with <i>Delacare: Rules for Early Care and Education and School-Age Centers (2007)</i>.</b> A Corrective Action Plan will be developed outlining specific non-compliances, actions to be taken to correct the non-compliance, and dates by which the compliance will occur. The Center will submit documentation of progress toward compliance or the achievement of compliance to OCCL. If a site visit is required to verify compliance, the Licensing Specialist shall conduct such visit. <b>Enforcement actions may also be taken against any Center not achieving compliance.</b></p>

RULE	DATE COMPLIANCE REQUIRED
<b>Staff Qualifications</b>	
Rule #149	January 1, 2009 or January 1, 2011 – dependent upon position
<b>Annual Training</b>	
Rule #177	January 1, 2007 Staff should begin to obtain 18 hours so that by the 2008 Center license renewal the 18 required hours will have been completed. For the 2007 Center license renewal 15 hours will be accepted.
<b>First Aid and CPR Training</b>	
Rules #183	July 1, 2007
<b>Number of Staff</b>	
Rules #185 A	January 1, 2011
<b>Physical Environment and Safety</b>	
<b>Outdoor Area</b>	
Rule #208	January 1, 2009
Rule #211	January 1, 2009
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Staff Qualifications</b>	
Rule #435A-C	January 1, 2009 or January 1, 2011 – dependent upon position