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Module 1 Summary

Here is a summary of Key Points for **Module 1: The Regulation of Child Care Facilities**.

Key Point

Child care professionals must understand the rules and regulations to protect the health and safety of children in care.

Child care standards are established to protect the health and safety of children while in out-of-home care.

The rules and regulations protect the health and safety of children in out-of-home care.

Child care supplements parental care for a period of less than 24 hours a day on a regular basis.

School-age child care is a specific program providing care before and after school or during school closures to school-age children exclusively.

Drop-in child care is a licensed program providing care for children while families are on the premises.

Evening child care begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 a.m.

Child care programs must provide access to families and licensing authority during operational hours.

Some programs for children are considered exempt from licensure by the Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code.

In general, after-school programs at a public or non-public school site do not require licensure if they meet certain criteria.

Instructional and tutorial programs cannot be designated as Gold Seal and cannot contract to deliver a School Readiness program.

Open access programs operate for less than four hours per day and do not provide any type of supervision, with children freely entering and leaving at any time without permission, prior arrangements, or supervision.

Nonprofit membership organizations that are associated with national organizations must submit an annual attestation to the Department and comply with background screening requirements.

Summer camps are not required to be licensed.

A faith-based child care program that is an integral part of a church or parochial school may qualify for religious exemption from licensure.

The Gold Seal Quality Care program recognizes child care programs that have earned accreditation.

It is important to understand the requirements of all agencies at both the state and local levels.

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