

Center: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

Date of Evaluation: _____

Socialization Safety Checklist

INDOOR

Emergency Prevention	YES	NO	Follow-up Needed	Performance Standard
1. Emergency telephone numbers are posted for emergency services (for example, 911, poison control, fire department, police and children's protective services).				1304.22 (a)(2)
2. Emergency procedures are posted for fire and earthquakes, and other regional natural disasters (tornados, floods, hurricanes).				1304.22(a)(3)
3. Evacuation map is posted.				1304.22(a)(3), 1304.53(a)(10)(vii)
4. There is a smoke detector system, alarm or sprinklers in working order in each room or place where children spend time.				1304.53(a)(10)(v-vi)
5. Water that may be in direct contact with children is no more than 120°F				
6. All electrical outlets in children's reach are covered.				1304.53(a)(10)(xi)
7. All heating units in children's reach are covered with barriers.				1304.53(a)(10)(i)
8. All tall furniture over 4 feet (for example, cubbies, shelves) is bolted to the wall or floor.				
9. A fully equipped, readily available first aid kit.				1304.22(f)(i)
10. Poisons: Cleaning agents are labeled and stored in their original containers				1304.53(a)(10)(iii)
11. Poisons: Cleaning agents are kept separate from food in cabinets and out of children's reach.				1304.53(a)(10)(iii)

12. Temperature is between 65°F and 75°F during the winter months and between 68°F and 82°F during the summer months.				1304.53(a)(10)(i)
13. There are no bad odors or fumes (for example, tobacco, mildew, urine/excrement, chemicals, and air fresheners).				1304.52(a)(8)
14. Infant toys are made of nontoxic materials and are sanitized regularly.				1304.53(b)(2)
15. Children's personal belongings (including clothing and bedding) are stored so they do not touch other's belongings.				1304.22(e)(7)
16. The names of children with special dietary needs and a description of their needs (including specific food allergies) are posted in food preparation area(s).				1304.20(a)(1)(iii-iv), 1304.23(c)(6)
17. Proper handwashing procedures are posted at all handwashing sinks, including food preparation and art sinks.				1304.22(e)(1-2)
18. Children's handwashing sink(s) are at child's level or accessible by a safety step.				1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
19. Staff wash their hands with liquid or foam soap and running water before food preparation and/or service.				1304.22(e)(1-2)

20. All children wash their hands, or have their hands washed, with liquid or foam soap and running water before eating.				1304.22(e)(1-2)
21. Food preparation and eating areas, including counters, tabletops and floors, are cleaned/swept and after food preparation and meals.				1304.23(e)(1)
22. A current weekly menu of all food and beverages served in the program is posted.				1304.23(b)(1)(ii)
23. Children under 36 months have their gums and/or teeth wiped with either a disposable cloth or gauze, or brushed at least once a day.				1304.23(b)(3)
24. A complete and accurate diaper-changing protocol is posted in diaper-changing area(s).				1304.22(e)(5)
25. Toilet training equipment is available for children being toilet trained.				1304.53(a)(10)(xv)
26. The diaper-changing area is located away from areas used for cooking, eating, or children's activities.				1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
27. Diapers are disposed of in a safe and sanitary manner.				1304.53(a)(10)(xvi)
28. Diapering protocol: A clean, disposable non-absorbent liner is used on the diaper-changing surface with each diapering.				1304.22(e)(5), 1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
29. Diapering protocol: Soiled diapers are removed without contaminating the diaper-changing surface, child and parent.				1304.22(e)(5), 1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
30. One hand is always kept on the child during diapering.				1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)

31. Disposable gloves are available in the diaper-changing area(s).				1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
32. Diaper-changing surfaces are at adult height, in good repair and sturdy.				1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
33. Diaper-changing surfaces are water-resistant, non-absorbent and smooth.				1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
34. Diaper-changing surfaces are cleaned and sanitized after each use.				1304.53(a)(10)(xiv)
35. Children under 36 months, who are not able to do themselves, have their hands washed by a parent/staff person with liquid or foam soap and running water (for infants, with a moistened towel with soap) after diapering/toileting.				1304.22(e)(1-2)
36. Children under 36 months, who are able to do so themselves, what their own hands with liquid or foam soap and running water after diapering/toileting.				1304.22(e)(1-2)
37. Parents/staff wash their own hands with liquid or foam soap and running water after each diapering/toileting of a child.				1304.22(e)(1-2)
38. Cribs are made of wood, metal or plastic and have mattresses that fit, for example, no more than two fingers can fit between the mattress and the crib.				1304.53(b)(1)
39. No soft bedding is accessible to children under 12 months in their sleeping area(s). Firm mattresses are used (Avoid comforters, pillows, fluffy blankets or stuffed toys.)				1304.53(b)(3)

OUTDOOR

Emergency Prevention	YES	NO	Follow-up Needed	Performance Standard
1. Adult staff are present in all outdoor areas and provide direct supervision (at least two paid staff).				1304.52(g)(5), 1304.53(a)(9)
2. All children are always visible by an adult staff member while outside.				1304.52(g)(5), 1304.53(a)(9)
3. The indoor and outdoor space for infants and toddlers is separated from general walkways and areas used by preschoolers.				1304.53(a)(4)
4. Outdoor areas are maintained and are clean and safe; no trash, broken equipment, sharp objects, splinters, glass, animal excrement present.				1304.52(a)(7), 1304.53(a)(10)(vii)&(x)
5. Outdoor stationary playground equipment is stable and set in secure concrete settings and equipment does not wobble or tip when shaken.				1304.53(a)(10)(x)
6. All pieces of outdoor playground equipment are over 9 or more inches of shock-absorbing surfaces; loose fine sand, wood chips, mulch or approved rubber mats.				1304.53(a)(10)(x)
7. All fixed outdoor playground equipment has a minimum of 6 feet clearance space from				1304.53(a)(10)(x)

walkways, buildings and other structures that are not used as part of play activities.				
8. The outdoor play area is enclosed with a fence or natural barrier that allows observation of children.				1304.53(a)(9)
9. Outdoor fences/barriers have self-closing gates with self-latching mechanisms that cannot be opened by children.				1304.53(a)(9)