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BACK-TO-SCHOOL REMINDER FOR PROVIDERS

With the new school year beginning, many changes are happening; some children are enrolling, some are leaving, and others are now attending school. As a provider, it's **your responsibility** to ensure that each child's school schedule is kept up to date.

Please take a moment to review your enrollment forms. Be sure to write any updates in pen so that we can make the necessary changes in our records.

For children who have been in your care since before starting school (for example, those who began with you at age two), it's especially important to update their current school hours and schedules. Keeping these records accurate helps us better support you and ensures everything is in compliance.

As we start the new school year, it's a great time to review capacity limits for licensed family child care homes. Keeping within these limits is not only a licensing requirement but also helps ensure the health, safety, and quality of care for all children.

Small Family Child Care Homes (Licensed for 6–8 Children)

- You may care for:
  - Up to 4 infants only (birth to 24 months), OR
  - Up to 6 children total, with no more than 3 infants.
- Up to 8 children total:
  - No more than 2 infants.
  - **At least 1 child must be 6 years old, and 1 child must be enrolled in kindergarten.**

Large Family Child Care Homes (Licensed for 12–14 Children, with an Assistant)

- You may care for:
  - Up to 12 children, with no more than 4 infants (birth to 24 months).
- Up to 14 children total:
  - No more than 3 infants.
  - **At least 1 child must be 6 years old, and 1 child must be enrolled in kindergarten.**

Important to Remember

✅ These numbers are set by state law and represent the maximum allowed.
✅ Providers should never exceed their licensed capacity—not even by one child.
✅ All children under age 13 in the home during child care hours count toward capacity, including:
Relatives and neighbors
✅Your own children under age 10

Additonal Questions contact : Community Care Licensing Division
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