

## Overnight child care:

When choosing overnight care for your child, these are some of the standards you should be aware of:

- The provider must ensure children have appropriate bedtime routines, such as bedtime stories, brushing their teeth, washing their hands and face before going to bed. Toothbrushes, towels, and wash clothes may not be shared.
- Children should sleep in areas near to the provider so that appropriate supervision can be maintained.
- Children may not sleep in kitchens, bathrooms, utility rooms, or garages. In rooms used for sleeping the doors to each room must remain open to allow the provider to respond to emergencies and the needs of the children.
- Young infants who are not capable of rolling over on their own must be positioned on their back and on a firm surface to reduce the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- Children over age two (2) cannot sleep in the same room with (2) adults. Children of opposite sex over the age of five (5) can not sleep in the same room.
- Children are required to have 500 cubic feet of air space in their sleeping rooms. A small bedroom is equivalent to approximately 500 cubic feet or a large three cushion couch (a room 8 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 8 feet in height equals 512 cubic feet of air space).

## Provider Background Screening

All licensed providers, their household members over age 18, and their substitutes have successfully obtained background screening clearance as required by law (F.S. Chapter 61-2681, amended). The screening includes:

- Attestation of Good Moral Character
- Two year employment history check
- Local criminal records check
- Statewide criminal records check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Federal criminal records check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation

No person can have been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication or plea of nolo contendere, any of the following offenses:

Sections:	393.135	relating to sexual misconduct with certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
(b)	394.4593	relating to sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
(c)	415.111	relating to abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
(d)	782.04	relating to murder.
(e)	782.07	relating to manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child.
(f)	782.071	relating to vehicular homicide.
(g)	782.09	relating to killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother.
(h)	784.011	relating to assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
(i)	784.021	relating to aggravated assault.
(j)	784.03	relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
(k)	784.045	relating to aggravated battery.

(l)	784.075	relating to battery on a detention or commitment facility staff.
(m)	787.01	relating to kidnapping.
(n)	787.02	relating to false imprisonment.
(o)	787.04(2)	relating to taking, enticing, or removing a child beyond the state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
(p)	787.04(3)	relating to carrying a child beyond the state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing a child at a custody hearing or delivering the child to the designated person.
(q)	790.115(1)	relating to exhibiting firearms or weapons within 1,000 feet of a school.
(r)	790.115(2)(b)	relating to possessing an electric weapon or device destructive device, or other weapon on school property.
(s)	794.011	relating to sexual battery.
(t)	Former s 794.041	relating to prohibited acts of persons in familial or custodial authority.
(u)	Chapter: 796	relating to prostitution.
(v)	Section: 798.02	relating to lewd and lascivious behavior.
(w)	Chapter: 800	relating to lewdness and indecent exposure.
(x)	Section: 806.01	relating to arson.
(y)	Chapter: 812	relating to theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony.
(z)	Sections: 817.563	relating to fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony.
(aa)	825.102	relating to abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
(bb)	825.1025	relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.
(cc)	825.103	relating to exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult, if the offense was a felony.
(dd)	826.04	relating to incest.
(ee)	827.03	relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.
(ff)	827.04	relating to contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.
(gg)	Former s 827.05	relating to negligent treatment of children.
(hh)	827.071	relating to sexual performance by a child.
(ii)	843.01	relating to resisting arrest with violence.
(jj)	843.025	relating to depriving a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer means of protection or communication.
(kk)	Sections 843.12	relating to aiding in an escape.
(ll)	843.13	relating to aiding in the escape of juvenile inmates in correctional institutions.
(mm)	Chapters: 847	relating to obscene literature.
(nn)	874.05(1)	relating to encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang.
(oo)	893	relating to drug abuse prevention and control, only if the offense was a felony or if any other person involved in the offense was a minor.
(pp)	Section: 916.0175	relating to sexual misconduct with certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.

(qq)	944.35(3)	relating to inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment on an inmate resulting in great bodily harm.
(rr)	944.46	relating to harboring, concealing, or aiding an escaped prisoner.
(ss)	944.47	relating to introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.
(tt)	985.4045	relating to sexual misconduct in juvenile justice programs.
(uu)	985.4046	relating to contraband introduced into detention facilities.

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- (3) Standards must also ensure that the person has not committed an act that constitutes domestic violence as defined in s. 741.30.

Providers, their household members, and substitutes are re-screened every 5 years.

The PCLB strongly encourages parents to thoroughly investigate their child care providers prior to enrolling their children and periodically thereafter. Providers' files are available for review at the Child Care Licensing Program office by appointment; however confidential information, including child abuse investigations and information which is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Florida Statute, Ch. 119 will not be included in the public file.

The following links are provided as a courtesy and convenience only and may assist you in evaluating your child care, however the PCLB does not control and cannot guarantee the relevance, timeliness, or accuracy of the materials provided by other agencies or organizations, nor does the PCLB endorse other agencies or organizations, their views, products or services.

<https://pubtitles.co.pinellas.fl.us/login/loginx.jsp?goto=/mainmenux.jsp> (Pinellas County Records, Public Records Search)

<http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/Search.jsp> (FDLE sexual offender database)

<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/ActiveOffenders/SEARCH.ASP> (Dept. of Corrections felony probation offender search)

[http://www.pcsoweb.com/pages/who\\_jail.html](http://www.pcsoweb.com/pages/who_jail.html) (Pinellas County Sheriff's who's in jail)