

## PREFACE

### Chapter DCF 252 LICENSING RULES FOR DAY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN WITH COMMENTARY

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Section 48.65, Stats., requires that persons who provide care and supervision for 4 or more children under 7 years of age for less than 24 hours a day must be licensed by the department. The statutes also require the Department of Children and Families to establish rules which must be met in order to qualify for a license and which protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the children in the care of the child care center.

Chapter DCF 252 is the administrative rule governing day camps for children, which provide care and supervision to 4 or more children 3 years of age and older for less than 24 hours a day.

Although prepared primarily as a tool for licensing specialists, the purpose of the DCF 252 Group Child Care Rules with Commentary is to help all users of DCF 252 understand the intent and application of the rule. An attempt has been made to offer commentary for those rules where experience indicates clarification would be helpful. However, commentary cannot be written to cover every situation encountered. Providers who require additional information should contact their regional licensing specialist.

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There is a header on each page that contains the rule cite for the section of the rule beginning on that page. A table of contents and an index are also included, as are appendices that contain key statutes related to the child care rules, a copy of DCF 13 (administrative rules governing child care background checks), and other appendices referenced in the rule.

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