



Minnesota Family Child Care Task Force

DUTY 2 WORK GROUP-REGULATORY REFORMS

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Duty #2 Statutory Language

Propose regulatory reforms to improve licensing efficiency, including discussion of criteria that would qualify a provider for an abbreviated licensing review based on statistically significant key indicators that predict full compliance with all applicable rules and statues, and discussion of the development of a risk-based, data-driven, tiered violation system with corresponding enforcement mechanisms that are appropriate to the risk presented by a violation.

Recommendations for Legislative Action:

1. Legislation for a full and abbreviated licensing review based on statistically significant key indicators that predict full compliance with all applicable rules and statutes. Developed with stakeholders, to include providers, DHS, licensors, and legislators, with input from parents and early childhood advocates.
2. Legislation for development of a risk-based, data-driven, tiered violation system with corresponding enforcement mechanisms that are appropriate to the risk presented by a violation. Developed with stakeholders, to include providers, DHS, licensors, and legislators. Creating a tiered-violation system is dependent on developing updated and modernized standards for Family Child Care.
3. Legislation should include using a national expert on this subject such as Dr Fiene. Consider a non-profit source of funding.

Recommendations for DHS:

1. Develop a continuous licensing process with input from licensors and providers.
2. Modernize and update licensing standards for Family Child Care in Rule 2 and statutes. Funding may be needed.
3. Regarding recommendation A3, work with the national expert to develop legislative action and work with stakeholders.
4. In developing a process for full and abbreviated licensing inspections, research best practices for key indicators and the inspections process by reviewing indicators other states have used.

Recommendations for County Licensing Agencies:

1. Review county licensing website and update to allow for easy access to information on how to become a licensed Family Child Care Provider.
2. Review county licensing forms and their use.
3. Support the legislative process and subsequent work. Maintain continued involvement in stakeholder groups and legislative actions as needed.

Recommendations for Providers:

1. Support the legislative process and subsequent work.
2. Maintain continued involvement in stakeholder groups and legislative actions as needed.

Other Recommendations:

Streamline and eliminate unnecessary paperwork by allowing licensing forms to be transmitted and stored electronically. Consider development of a centralized and secure portal.

Thank you for listening!
