



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Reaching Compliance with Rules and Regulations and Introduction to the Child Care Services Technical Assistance Unit

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Agenda

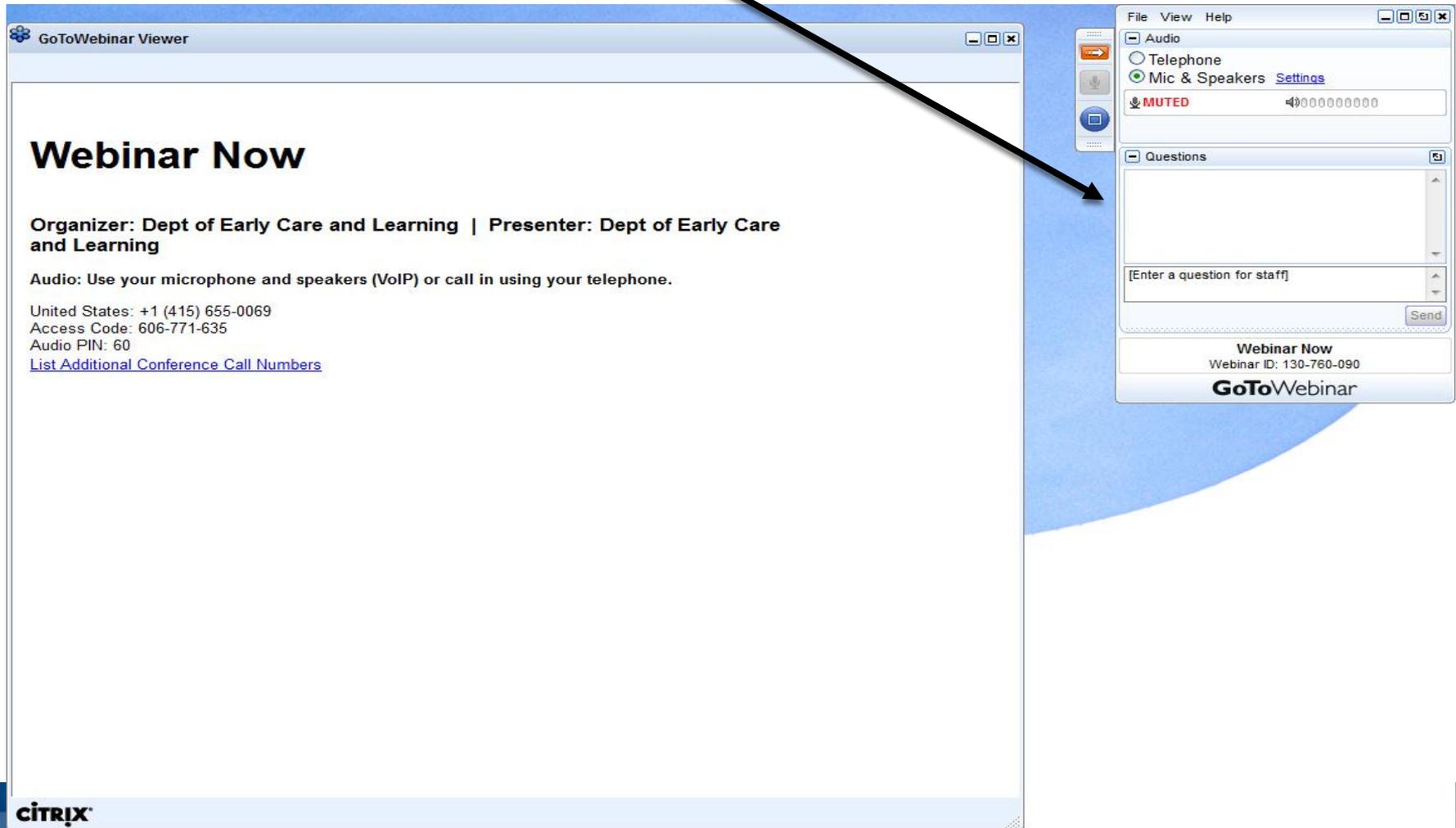
- Purpose and Overview of Critical Expectations for Programs
- Core Rules and Compliance Expectations
- Introduction of the Child Care Services Technical Assistance Unit
- Questions & Comments
- Next Steps

Purpose

- Provide non-compliant programs, or programs projected to be non-compliant in the next fiscal year, with an overview of the rules and regulations related to health & safety of children in care
- Review Core Rules that have a direct impact on children's health & safety
- Review of Child Care Services policies on determining compliance
- Introduce the new Child Care Services Technical Assistance Unit

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Core Rules and Compliance Expectations

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Critical Expectations for Child Care Programs

- It's important for child care programs to provide quality care in safe & healthy environments to the children in participating in your programs.
- It is the department's responsibility to monitor child care programs to ensure families that licensed programs are monitored for health and safety measures

Rule Chapters for Child Care Learning Centers (Program Operations)

Activities

Admission and Enrollment

Animals

Bathrooms

Children's Health

Children's Records

Criminal Records Check

Diapering Areas/Practice (6)

Discipline (15)

Equipment and Toys

Field Trips (4)

First Aid and CPR

Food Service and Nutrition

Governing Body & License

Hygiene (6)

Kitchen Operations

License Capacity

Medications (4)

Operational Policies & Procedures

Parental Access

Parental Authorizations

Personnel Records

Physical Plant (1)

Playgrounds (4)

Posted Notices

Prohibited Substances

Required Reporting

Sleeping and Resting

Staff

Staff Child Ratios (2)

Supervision (1)

Staff Training

Swimming and Water Related Activities (9)

Transportation (25)

Infant Sleeping Requirements (12)

Expectations for Compliance

(Child Care Learning Centers and Group Day Care Homes Only)

- Diapering Areas & Practices
- Discipline
- Field Trips
- Hygiene
- Infant Sleeping Safety Requirements (SIDS)
- Medication
- Physical Plant: Hazards
- Playgrounds
- Ratios
- Supervision
- Swimming
- Transportation

Family Day Care Home - Core Rule Categories

- 1. Required Registration**
Overcrowding
- 2. Criminal Records**
Providers, employees,
other adults in home
- 3. Discipline**
- 4. Playground**
- 5. Transportation**
- 6. Infant Sleeping Safety**
Requirements (SIDS)
- 7. Physical Plant**
Indoor Hazards
Fire Extinguisher &
Smoke Detector
- 8. Staff: Child Ratios**
- 9. Supervision**
- 10. Swimming**

Risk Level

Core rules fall under four main levels of risk:

- Low
- Medium
- High
- Extreme

Level Determination

The number of core rule categories that are cited for for all visits during the fiscal year determines whether the program is in compliance.

Any non-core rule violations issued due to an injury or serious incident will be equivalent to a high-risk core rule category citation, and will be treated in the same way when determining a facility's compliance. Please note these instances in the comments section.

Licensing Study - 4/23/2013

Compliance Group	Rules	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Playgrounds	591-1-1-.26(8) Safe, clean grounds	X			

Monitoring Visit - 9/24/2012

Compliance Group	Rules	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Playgrounds	591-1-1-.26(6) Equipment 591-1-1-.26(8) Safe, clean grounds 591-1-1-.26(4) Fence		X		
Transportation	591-1-1-.36(2)(a) Vehicle Safety Check	X			

TOTAL LOW: TOTAL MEDIUM: TOTAL HIGH: TOTAL EXTREME:

TOTAL VISITS: YEAR TO DATE COMPLIANCE:

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION CRITERIA FOR ONE TO THREE (1-3) VISITS:

Compliant = 0-5 core rule categories of **Low** risk, and/or **No more than 2** core rule categories of **Medium** risk, or 1 **Medium** and 1 **High** risk

Not Compliant = **6 or more** core rule categories of **Low** risk and/or 3 or more **Medium** risk, and/or **2 or more** core rule categories of **High** risk

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION CRITERIA FOR FOUR OR MORE (4+) VISITS:

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MV POI Follow Up - 3/12/2014

Compliance Group	Rules	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Physical Plant - Hazards	591-1-1-.25(13) Hazards securely stored	X			
Playgrounds	591-1-1-.26(7) Anchored equipment, fall zones		X		

LS POI Follow Up - 9/3/2013

Compliance Group	Rules	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Infant Sleeping Safety Requirements	591-1-1-.45 Safe Infant Sleep Practices		X		
Playgrounds	591-1-1-.26(4) Fence 591-1-1-.26(7) Anchored equipment, fall zones 591-1-1-.26(8) Safe, clean grounds		X		

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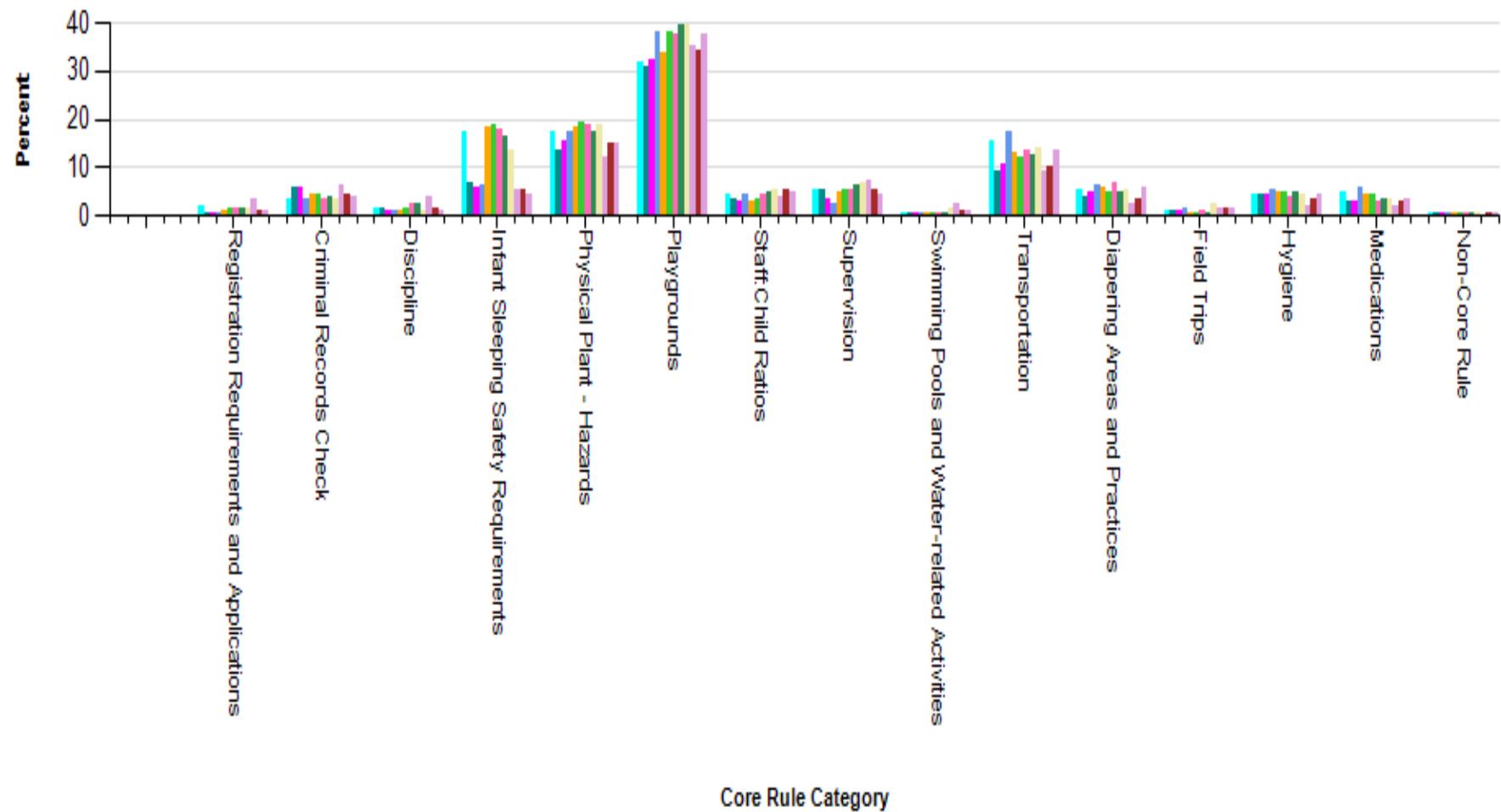
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Core Rule Areas

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- Discipline
- Field Trips
- Hygiene
- Infant Sleeping Safety Requirements (SIDS)
- Medication
- Physical Plant: Hazards
- Playgrounds
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Percent of Visits w/ Core Rule Citations
 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2013
 Based on 9,773 visits



Summary of Program Compliance for Fiscal Year 2013

- Total programs- 5,542
- Compliant programs- 4,724 (85%)
- Non-compliant programs- 329 (6%)
- Not determined programs- 489 (9%)

Possible Actions from DECAL

- Increased monitoring of child care programs
- Office conference with Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner
 - Discussion on program performance/departement determination
- Enforcement fines per day per rule violation
- Temporary and/or restricted child care licenses
- Placement of monitors in child care programs
- Public Reprimand
- Revocation of license
- Restricted from participating in voluntary DECAL programs
 - Georgia Pre-K, Quality Rated, Nutrition Services (CACFP/Summer Food) and CAPS funding



Introduction of the Child Care Services Technical Assistance Unit

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What is CCS Technical Assistance

- Partnership
- A way to assess program needs
- Provides Information
- A way to model strategies to enter and maintain a compliant status

C = Compliant

NC = Non-compliant

How long non-compliant?

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Next Steps

- In July, you will receive a phone call from your CCS TA Consultant to:
 - Introduce themselves as your assigned TA consultant
 - Schedule an initial on-site visit with the program
 - Identify the staff member responsible for navigating the TA process
 - Email the facility a self-assessment to be completed prior to the initial on-site visit

Upcoming Email

Check your Email

You will receive two e-mail messages from DECAL.

- On April 17, 2014 you will receive the first e-mail to participate in a survey to gather information about how to best meet your technical assistance needs.
- Registration for training coming soon.

Questions & Comments



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