

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

**Rule 1.2. Infant and Toddler Services in a Child Care Home**

**470 IAC 3-1.2-1 Infant and toddler child care services**

Authority: IC 12-13-5-3

Affected: IC 12-17.2

Sec. 1. A licensee who provides child care services for infants or toddlers shall meet all the requirements of this rule. If there is any difference in requirements, the specific information contained in this rule shall prevail. (*Division of Family Resources; 470 IAC 3-1.2-1; filed Nov 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m.: 15 IR 504; filed Jul 3, 1996, 5:00 p.m.: 19 IR 3072; readopted filed Jul 12, 2001, 1:40 p.m.: 24 IR 4235*)

**470 IAC 3-1.2-2 “Full-sized crib” defined**

Authority: IC 12-13-5-3

Affected: IC 12-17.2

Sec. 2. As used in this rule, “full-sized crib” means a child's bed which has an interior dimension greater than fifty-two and three-eighths ( $52 \frac{3}{8}$ ) inches plus or minus five-eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) inch in length, and twenty-eight (28) inches plus or minus five-eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) inch in width. With the mattress support in its lowest position and the crib side in its highest position, the vertical distance from the upper surface of the mattress support to the upper surface of the crib side or end panel shall not be less than twenty-six (26) inches. (*Division of Family Resources; 470 IAC 3-1.2-2; filed Nov 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m.: 15 IR 504; readopted filed Jul 12, 2001, 1:40 p.m.: 24 IR 4235*)

**470 IAC 3-1.2-3 “Portacrib” defined**

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Sec. 3. As used in this rule, “portacrib” means a child's portable bed which has an interior dimension smaller than forty-nine and three-fourths ( $49 \frac{3}{4}$ ) inches plus or minus five-eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) inch in length but not less than thirty-six (36) inches in length, and twenty-five and three-eighths ( $25 \frac{3}{8}$ ) inches plus or minus five-eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) inch in width but not less than twenty-four (24) inches in width. With the mattress support in its lowest position, the vertical distance from the upper surface of the mattress support to the upper surface of the crib side or end panel shall not be less than twenty-two (22) inches. (*Division of Family Resources; 470 IAC 3-1.2-3; filed Nov 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m.: 15 IR 504; readopted filed Jul 12, 2001, 1:40 p.m.: 24 IR 4235*)

**470 IAC 3-1.2-4 Activities for healthy development**

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- Sec. 4. (a) The caregiver shall have stairways guarded by a gate or closed door.
- b) After discussion with the parent or legal guardian of each infant or toddler in care, caregiver shall:
- (1) establish flexible routines for naps, feedings, diapering, and toilet training;
  - (2) provide opportunities for play and exploration of the environment; and
  - (3) periodically change the available toys and the place and position of infants not yet able to move about on their own.

(*Division of Family Resources; 470 IAC 3-1.2-4; filed Nov 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m.: 15 IR 504; filed Jul 3, 1996, 5:00 p.m.: 19 IR 3072; errata filed Aug 7, 1996, 11:10 a.m.: 19 IR 3472; readopted filed Jul 12, 2001, 1:40 p.m.: 24 IR 4235*)

**470 IAC 3-1.2-5 Naps**

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Affected: IC 12-17.2

Sec. 5. (a) Licensee shall provide a separate crib, portacrib, or playpen in which each infant or toddler can sleep. Each crib, portacrib, or playpen shall be equipped with a firm-fitting mattress or pad made of waterproof materials. A parent or legal guardian may provide or approve the use of a bassinet for an infant and is responsible along with the caregiver to monitor its use closely. (Manufacturers of bassinets indicate that a bassinet should no longer be used once an infant begins moving and turning unassisted.)

(b) The licensee may use washable cots, sleeping bags, or mats for toddlers over twenty-four (24) months of age. (*Division of Family Resources; 470 IAC 3-1.2-5; filed Nov 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m.: 15 IR 504; filed Jul 3, 1996, 5:00 p.m.: 19 IR 3072; errata filed Aug 7, 1996, 11:10 a.m.: 19 IR 3472; readopted filed Jul 12, 2001, 1:40 p.m.: 24 IR 4235*)

#### **470 IAC 3-1.2-6 Diaper changing and toilet training**

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Sec. 6. (a) The licensee shall provide an area for diaper changing with a washable surface on which the infant or toddler may be placed. The diaper changing surface must have waterproof material between the child and the surface of the changing area. This material shall be changed after each use. The diaper changing area shall be sanitized daily and when soiled.

(b) Licensee shall supply a covered container for wet or soiled diapers.

(c) Direct child care providers changing diapers shall wash their hands with soap and running water after each diaper change.

(d) When a chair designed specifically for toilet training is used, direct child care provider shall empty it after each use and sanitize it at least daily. (*Division of Family Resources; 470 IAC 3-1.2-6; filed Nov 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m.: 15 IR 505; filed Jul 3, 1996, 5:00 p.m.: 19 IR 3072; readopted filed Jul 12, 2001, 1:40 p.m.: 24 IR 4235*)

#### **470 IAC 3-1.2-7 Feeding**

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Affected: IC 12-17.2

Sec. 7. (a) Direct child care providers shall feed infants and toddlers according to their dietary needs and shall hold infants during bottle feedings until they demonstrate their ability to hold their own bottles.

(b) If more than one (1) infant or toddler in care is bottle fed, all bottles shall be labeled with the child's name.

(c) Direct child care providers shall not prop feeding bottles. (*Division of Family Resources; 470 IAC 3-1.2-7; filed Nov 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m.: 15 IR 505; filed Jul 3, 1996, 5:00 p.m.: 19 IR 3073; readopted filed Jul 12, 2001, 1:40 p.m.: 24 IR 4235*)