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INTERGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN OF OPERATIONS

Purpose

This policy supports the use of an integrated pest management (IPM) approach in our ECE Program to comply with the 2007 California law that extends the Healthy schools act to child care centers.

Policy

Little Seeds Children's Center Inc. DBA: Little Seeds Children's Center & Peter Pan Schools, will implement and practice IPM to manage pests in the buildings and grounds to minimize the exposure of children and staff to pesticides. California state law encourages licensed ECE centers to practice IPM and requires centers to notify all parents and staff before pesticides are applied inside or outside the facility (see Sample 72- Hour Notice of Specific Application on page 38). In accordance with the Healthy schools act, the center will:

- ▶ Notify parents and staff in writing every year
 - ▷ What pesticides are expected to be applied by center staff or a PMP in the upcoming year.
- ▶ Provide parents and staff with the website address of the California department of Pesticide regulation's school IPM Program, apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/
- ▶ Maintain a registry of parents and staff who want to be notified, ahead of time, each time a pesticide is used.
- ▶ Notify parents of pesticide applications. Parents and staff who enroll in the registry will be notified of individual pesticide applications on the program site at least 72 hours before the application, which will include the name of the pesticide, active ingredient(s) in the product, and date the pesticide is to be applied.
- ▶ Post warning signs. Warning signs will be posted around each area where pesticides will be applied. These signs will be in place 24 hours before and stay in place 72 hours after pesticides are used. These signs will be large enough that they prevent any adult from accidentally entering areas where pesticides have been used. (see Sample Warning Sign on page 39.)
- ▶ Keep records of which pesticides have been used at the program site for the past four years and the records will be available to anyone who asks to see them.

Pests

Our IPM policy is to actively work at reducing the presence of harmful pests in the facility. Pests can pose hazards to human health and the environment and damage property.

Pesticides

Our IPM policy is to minimize potential exposure of children, staff and visitors to pesticides in our environment. exposure to pesticides can pose a health risk to children, staff, and others. regularly scheduled applications of harmful pesticides are not permitted under this IPM policy.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program

Our IPM program will include the following:

- ▶ Regular monitoring to identify pest problems.
- ▶ Preventive actions to reduce future pest problems.
- ▶ Preference for the use of nonchemical management practices to address pest problems.
- ▶ When necessary, use of least-hazardous pesticides after nonchemical management practices have failed.
- ▶ Training for staff and parents on IPM practices.
- ▶ Designating an IPM Coordinator for our site who will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of IPM practices.
- ▶ Use of the CCHP Health and Safety Notes and UC Davis IPM website (see Resources) for action plans on individual pests.
- ▶ Assess the ECE center's environment using the IPM Checklist annually.

Pest Management Professionals (PMP)

Any PMP hired to provide pest management or other services must comply with this IPM program and notification policy and be knowledgeable about IPM practices, the requirements of the Healthy schools act and use of IPM. PMPs must refrain from routine pesticide spraying, provide detailed service reports with each visit and give recommendations for pest prevention.

