**Integrated Pest Management Policy Center: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This policy is designed to protect the health of our children and meet the requirements of L.M.C 8.14, which states:The operator shall have a written integrated pest control management plan to ensure that pests are controlled or eliminated from the facility in a way not to cause potential harm to the children and staff, but to address any pest infestation quickly and appropriately.

The impact of pesticides on children’s health can range from irritation to skin and mucous membranes, to difficulty breathing, rash or vomiting. Long term exposure may lead to developmental delay, immune or endocrine system disruption, or cancer.

In addition, children with special needs, asthma and allergies can be highly sensitive to pesticides and suffer from mild to severe reactions to pesticides and pesticide residue.

We are dedicated to using the least amount of chemical control of pests in our program in order to provide the healthiest environment possible for our children.

**We attempt to PREVENT pests in our facility by:**

• Taking out trash daily or more as needed.

• Cleaning trash cans regularly.

• Keeping trash cans or dumpsters covered and away from the building.

• Storing food in sealed plastic, glass or metal containers.

• Cleaning and sanitizing all dishes, utensils, and surfaces used for eating or food preparation after meals and at the end of the day.

• Preventing pest entry into facility by sealing cracks and holes, using and repairing window screens and door sweeps.

• Moisture control by maintaining plumbing and water drainage systems.

• Using Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

# Definitions

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)– IPM is a pest management strategy that focuses on long term prevention or suppression of pest problems including the following six components:

1. Education of staff

1. Monitoring pests

2. Pest prevention (non-chemical)

3. Least hazardous approach to pest control

4. Notification of pesticide use

6. Record keeping

Pesticide - A pesticide is a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Pesticides must be labeled with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration number.

# I. Policies and Records

When chemical pest control measures are taken, they will not be applied while children are present and will not be placed in a location accessible to children. All surfaces will be wiped down and rooms aired out before children are allowed to enter them. Parents will be notified of the application.

***Choose one of the following:***

We do **NOT** regularly apply any pesticides to our facility/building. If pests are found on the property, non-chemical methods of pest control are used. Pesticides are only used for emergency situations, such as nests of stinging insects. In such an emergency situation, pesticides will not be used when children are present and parents will be notified of the situation.

 A Licensed pest control company applies pesticides to our landscape/property.

We contract with a licensed pest control company to apply pesticides to our landscape/property *or*

We operate in a shared facility where the property owner/facility manager is responsible for pest management.

*Complete the following:*

Pest Control Company: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pest Monitoring: Yes No

 If yes, methods used and locations: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Pesticide Name: | Location(s) applied: | Used for: (Type of Pest) |
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Application is usually made on the \_\_\_\_ day of the month.

We apply pesticides ourselves to our landscape/property.

Pest Monitoring: Yes No

 If yes, methods used and locations: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## Record Keeping and Annual Summary/Notification

We keep the records of all pesticide applications to our facility and landscape, including a list of active ingredients and method of distribution.

The Pesticide Application Record (see Appendix A) shall be completed for each pesticide application. All pesticide application records are accessible to interested persons by contacting the director.

# II. Building/Facility Application

We will notify families and staff of a building/structural pesticide application. Notification will include: **Posting** of the notification in a prominent place by the front door of the center *or* byindividual written notes or email.

\*Notification requirements do NOT apply if the indoor application is made when the center is NOT occupied by children or staff for at least **two (2)** consecutive days after the application (i.e. Friday evening).

**Notification** will include the following:

“Notice: Pesticide Application”

• The product name of the pesticide to be applied

• Date and time of application

• The location to which the pesticide will be applied

• The pest to be controlled

• The name and phone number of a contact person at the center

**Signs** will remain in place for at **least twenty-four (24) hours** from the time the application is completed.

# III. Landscape/Grounds Application

A landscape application is any pesticide application to exterior landscape, lawn or insect nest located on the child care center property (including weed killers).

At the time of pesticide application **signs** will be **posted** stating:

“This landscape has been recently sprayed or treated with pesticides”

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Person)

at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number)

# IV. Storage and Disposal of Pesticides

***Choose one of the following:***

 We do **NOT** store pesticides in the child care building or on the grounds.

We do store pesticides on our grounds and/or facility. All chemicals are kept in locked storage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (where). Pesticides stored onsite:

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# Appendix A – Pesticide Application Record

Record should be completed same day as the application

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