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LOCAL LAW 14 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION ON REGULATED CHILD CARE IN NEW YORK CITY PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2006

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is required by Local Law 14, Section 17-920, to post an annual statistical report on child care activity in New York City conducted by the department's Bureau of Child Care (BCC). The report represents child care activity for Family Day Care (FDC), Group Family Day Care (GFDC) and School Age Child Care (SACC) services, which are regulated by New York State Social Service Law; and Group Child Care (GCC) services, which are regulated by Article 47 of the New York City Health Code. This report covers calendar year 2006.

Presented in table format, the report breaks out performance indicators by modality and borough. It provides information on the number of inspections performed by DOHMH staff; GCC permitted, GFDC licensed, and FDC and SACC registered providers; new and renewal applications received and permits, licenses, and registrations issued by the DOHMH. It also provides information on the number of complaints received, child care services cited for violations, the number of permits, licenses or registrations revoked or suspended, and child care services closed by the DOHMH as the result of an inspection. The report concludes with point in time data on staffing levels within the Bureau of Child Care.

REPORT SYNOPSIS:

There were 9,175 regulated child care programs in NYC at the end of 2006, for which the bureau conducted 24,659 inspections. The 9,175 providers represent a slight drop (.5%) from 2005 in the number of regulated providers, however, the capacity (children enrolled) of regulated child care services increased by 2.5% to 285,511. The increased capacity is attributable to a greater number of after school programs and the migration of family based providers from FDC services, which may have up to six children, to GFDC services, which may have up to 12 children. The following are other highlights of the report:

- 2,714 new applications received for a child care service;
- 1,469 (54%) of the applications converted to regulated child care services¹;
- More than 95% of existing child care services renewed within allotted timeframes for renewal;
- 1,567 complaints were received from the public;

¹ Applicants for Child Care Services often do not complete the application process after obtaining a more complete understanding of regulatory requirements.

- Average response time for imminent hazard and serious complaints reduced to less than 24 hours in the 4th quarter of 2006;

The BCC was able to implement the use of handheld computers for recording inspection results of GCC services in 2006, which allows the bureau to provide up to date information on the performance of child care services throughout the city. Parents and other members of the public may now access reliable information on which to base child care decisions through the department's website. Additionally, the data provides the bureau with the means to identify and evaluate citywide trends in the provision of child care services and assist under performing programs in improving service delivery.

Overall, the BCC has improved its performance across all indicators, which has resulted in more effective, timely, and efficient services to child care providers and the children and families of New York City. The DOHMH is committed to working with child care providers and child care advocates to protect the health and safety of children attending child care services, while assuring that those services provide a stimulating and nurturing environment.



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Period Covered: January – December 2006

ACRONYM KEY:

Article 47, NYC Health Code:

GCC-Group Child Care

NYS Social Service Law:

GFDC- Group Family Day Care

FDC-Family Day Care

SACC-School Age Child Care

Number of Providers Currently Licensed/Registered

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
GCC	288	716	508	416	107	2035
FDC	1495	813	852	442	47	3649
SA	231	412	266	230	39	1178
GFDC	540	873	228	561	111	2313
Total	2554	2814	1854	1649	304	9175

All Inspections of Group, Group Family, Family and School Age Child Care Services

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
GCC	951	2362	1550	1629	279	6771
FDC	4021	1780	2079	1132	88	9100
SA	510	678	530	419	42	2179
GFDC	1739	2419	649	1549	253	6609
Total	7221	7239	4808	4729	662	24659

Number of Renewal Applications Received

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
GCC	52	188	105	177	28	550
FDC	654	417	375	195	16	1657
SA	78	150	107	102	13	450
GFDC	205	346	75	252	54	932
Total	989	1101	662	726	111	3589

New Applications Received

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
GCC	47	108	97	33	15	300
FDC	491	279	197	186	29	1182
SA	41	76	37	48	16	218
GFDC	270	363	90	255	36	1014
Total	849	826	421	522	96	2714

Renewal License/Registration Issued

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
GCC	94	300	185	170	45	794
FDC	625	363	394	159	15	1556
SA	78	125	101	99	12	415
GFDC	165	246	115	208	36	770
Total	962	1034	795	636	108	3535

New License/Registration Issued

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
GCC	16	28	18	10	3	75
FDC	345	98	127	97	13	680
SA	48	61	45	41	5	200
GFDC	139	187	57	110	21	514
Total	548	374	247	258	42	1469

Complaints Received

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
GCC	147	258	151	153	34	743
FDC	72	81	43	63	5	264
SA	23	42	12	29	0	106
GFDC	73	204	36	120	21	454
Total	315	585	242	365	60	1567

Complaints Received Regarding Unlicensed or Unregistered Care

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
All Modalities	73	152	57	84	10	376

State Child Care Service Inspections Resulting in Violations Issued

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Total
FDC	1791	759	942	503	33	4028
SA	198	293	250	174	8	923
GFDC	856	1129	339	771	95	3190
Total	2845	2181	1531	1448	136	8141

Inspection Results of NYC Permitted Services

Initial Inspection Not Requiring Compliance Inspection	2196
Initial Inspection Requiring Compliance Inspection	2220
Compliance Inspection Not Requiring Return	1594
Compliance Inspection Requiring Return	761

Licenses or Permits Revoked

GCC	0
FDC	75
SA	4
GFDC	65
Total	144

Licenses or Permits Suspended

GCC	28
FDC	1
SA	1
GFDC	0
Total	30

Cease and Desist Orders Issued

FDC	5
SA	0
GFDC	12
Total	17

Day Care Centers Closed:

46

Bureau of Day Care Staffing

Early Childhood Consultants Employed	51
Early Childhood Consultants Vacancies	2*
Public Health Sanitarians Employed	50
Public Health Sanitarians Vacancies	3**

* Vacancies as of 12/30/06 – The bureau has since identified 2 additional ECEC candidates

**Vacancies as of 12/30/06 – The bureau has since identified 3 additional Public Health Sanitarians