



Abbreviated Inspections Utilizing Key Indicators: *What you need to know*

The Florida Department of Children and Families, Office of Licensing is pleased to announce the implementation of its updated abbreviated inspection process. Abbreviated inspections now utilize Key Indicators that help to offer greater protections for children in child care settings.

What is a Key Indicator Inspection?

A Key Indicator inspection is a type of abbreviated inspection where a set of rules are measured. These rules have been statistically proven to demonstrate full compliance with all child care rules. Rules that pose the greatest risk of harm to children, if violated, are also measured. In addition, five additional randomly selected rules will be measured.

How is the Updated Abbreviated Inspection Utilizing Key Indicators Different from Previous Abbreviated Inspections?

Previously, the rules measured during abbreviated inspections were chosen based on licensing experience and the identification of critical standards. The method kept children safe but did not ensure compliance with each rule and still required most rules to be measured.

Key Indicator Inspections are based on a statistical methodology that reduces the number of rules measured by 90%; however, the rules measured are more likely to protect children. Children are safer, quality is improved, and government is more efficient.

Will Every Child Care Provider Receive a Key Indicator Inspection?

No. A child care provider is only eligible for an abbreviated inspection when:

- it has been licensed or licensed-exempt Gold Seal designated for a period of no less than 2 consecutive years,
- has not been cited for any Class 1 or Class 2 violations within the last 2 years,
- has received at least 2 full on-site renewal/Gold Seal inspections in the most recent 2 years,
- has no current uncorrected violations*, and
- has no open regulatory complaints or active Child Protective Service investigations*.

Both facility and home providers may be eligible if the above criteria are met.

**New criteria*

When will providers know that a Key Indicator Inspection is taking place?

A child care provider will be informed that they are eligible for a Key Indicator Inspection at the time of the onsite inspection.

For additional information, please visit www.myflfamilies.com/childcare or contact your local licensing office.