

(2) Ensure proper care, protection, and supervision of children in group day care centers;

(3) Promote the sound growth and development of children in group day care centers;

(4) Encourage the care of children in a homelike environment by reflecting the impracticability of conforming a residence to standards that are appropriate for institutions and otherwise providing for centers that are in residences or other facilities and serve between 7 and 12 children AND FACILITIES HAVING 6 OR FEWER CHILDREN REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED UNDER § 14-105 OF THIS SUBTITLE; and

(5) Carry out otherwise the purposes and requirements of this subtitle.

14-105.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person shall be licensed by a health officer before the person may operate a group day care center in this State.

(b) This section does not apply to a family day care home registered under §§ 5-550 through 5-557 of the Family Law Article.

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~~(a) Except in accordance with a court order or to an authorized officer or employee of the State, or the United States, or a fiduciary institution having a right thereto in an official capacity, and as necessary to discharge responsibilities to administer public assistance, medical assistance, or social services programs, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to divulge or make known in any manner any information concerning any applicant for or recipient of social services, child welfare services, cash assistance, food stamps, or medical assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, investigations or communications of the State, county or city, or subdivisions or agencies thereof, or acquired in the course of the performance of official duties.~~

~~(b) Except as otherwise provided in Title 5, Subtitle 9 of the Family Law Article, all records and reports concerning child abuse or neglect are confidential, and their unauthorized disclosure is a criminal offense subject to the penalty set out in subsection (c) of this section. Information contained in reports or records concerning child abuse or neglect may be disclosed only:~~