BUILDING INSPECTORS INSPECTION FORM FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS

NAME OF OPERATION______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS______________________________________________________ TELEPHONE: ________________________________
CITY __________________________ STATE ______ ZIP __________________________

BUILDING INSPECTORS CERTIFICATE

1. The areas in the building that are designated as the licensed space are required by the licensing agency to meet the Building Code in effect when an application for licensure is submitted to the regulating agency. Does the building listed above, to the extent observable, meet the current North Carolina Building Code? Yes____ No____

2. If no, list question numbers which do not comply, explain the violation and whether equivalent protection for the safety of the children is provided:
   1)______________________________________________________________
   2)______________________________________________________________
   3)______________________________________________________________
   4)______________________________________________________________

3. Are any of the above violations of a life safety concern? Yes___ No____
   If yes, please list question numbers _______________________________

4. In your opinion based on the violations listed above, do you recommend that the Division of Child Development issue a provisional license to allow time for correction of the violations? Yes___ No____
   If yes, how long (30-60-90 days) and for which violations? ________________________________
   (Note: All violations must be corrected before a license can be issued unless a provisional time period is recommended or equivalent protection is documented.)

5. Number of rooms approved for occupancy by children? ________________________________
   (Attach sketch of building with rooms identified)

6. Specify any local zoning restriction: ______________________________________________

Signature of Inspector ____________________________/Date ___________________________
Jurisdiction ____________________________/Phone: ___________________________

The Inspectors Certificate and Building Inspection Form is required to be completed in its entirety before the Division of Child Development (DCD) can consider the document complete. All questions must be answered; any NO answers must have a written explanation.

This form was developed through the cooperation of the Division of Child Development and the Engineering Division of the Department of Insurance. Please note that the inspection forms do not cover all areas of the Code, but are intended to be used as a guide for the local inspector. If additional Code items which are not addressed on these forms are found to be in violation of the Code, please document them on the back of this form.

Prepare in quadruplicate: Original & copy to DCD, 1 copy kept by inspector, 1 copy kept by operator.
CHILD CARE BUILDING INSPECTION FORM

SECTION A: The following general questions should be answered for BOTH Educational and Institutional type occupancies.

LIGHT & VENTILATION
1. Is the total area of all windows in the child care room equal to or greater than 8% of the floor area or is artificial light provided? Yes___ No___

2.a Does the room have natural ventilation from a minimum amount of operable window or door area to the outside that would allow a clear opening that is equal to or greater than 4% or more of the floor area? Yes___ No___
   \( \text{If NO, go to question 2b.} \)

b Is space mechanically ventilated as required by North Carolina Mechanical Code? N/A___ Yes___ No___

FIRE
3. Does this building have a manually operated fire alarm system (electrically installed system with pull box stations)? Yes___ No___

EXITS
4. Are there at least 2 exits (doors, stairs, smoke proof towers, ramps, or horizontal exits) remote from each other on each floor or fire section of the building? Yes___ No___

5. Is the exit capacity adequate? Yes___ No___

6. Are all means of egress adequately illuminated at all times that the building is occupied? Yes___ No___

7. Are the means of egress identified by readily visible exit signs when the exit or way to reach it is not immediately obvious to the occupants? Yes___ No___

8. Is emergency power provided for centers with more than 300 occupants or for centers providing night care as required by the Building Code? N/A___ Yes___ No___

CORRIDORS AND ACCESS TO EXITS
9. Are all means of egress unobstructed without passing through a closet, storage area, kitchen, restroom, or other hazardous space? Yes___ No___

10. Are all exit corridors a minimum 1-hour fire resistance? N/A______ Yes___ No___
    \( \text{If yes, go to Question 12} \) \( \text{(N/A applies only if there are no corridors)} \)

11. If corridors are not 1 hour fire rated, do all child care rooms, spaces, and areas have a direct level of discharge exit to the outside? Yes___ No___

12. a. Do all corridors, ramps, and passageways have a minimum 6 feet clear width in all areas serving as means of egress for capacity of 100 or more? N/A______ Yes___ No___
    \( \text{N/A if capacity is less than 100} \)

b. Are all corridors, ramps, and passageways not less than 44” clear width in all areas serving as means of egress for capacity of less than 100? N/A______ Yes___ No___
    \( \text{N/A if capacity is more than 100} \)

13. Are all dead-end corridors no more than 20 feet in length? N/A______ Yes___ No___
    \( \text{(N/A applies only if no dead-end occurs)} \)
14. Do all doors have a minimum clear opening width of 32” (min. door width of 36”) in the following locations:
   a. between occupied rooms and required exits? Yes___ No___
   b. exit doors leading to the exterior? Yes___ No___

15. Are all doors in the line of exit travel a swinging door (side hinged)? Yes___ No___

16. Do doors to rooms that accommodate more than 50 people swing in the direction of travel?
   (N/A applies if room accommodates less than 50 people) N/A___ Yes___ No___

17.a Do all required egress and exit doors have single motion, self-unlocking type handle, lever, push pad, or panic hardware? Yes___ No___
   b. If room accommodates 100 or more people, do all required egress and exit doors have push pads or panic hardware? N/A ___ Yes ___ No ___

**STAIRS** (NOTE: If no stairs, interior or exterior, check N/A___ and go to Question 22. If applicable, all questions must be answered)

18.a Are all stairs serving 50 or more occupants at least 44 inches in width? N/A___ Yes___ No___
   b. Are all stairs serving less than 50 occupants, at least 36” in width? N/A___ Yes___ No___

19. Are all stairs with four or more steps provided with proper handrails and guardrails? Yes___ No___

20. Are all interior stairs enclosed with 1-hour rated walls and 1-hour rated "B" labeled doors that are at least 36” wide? Yes___ No___

21. Are the stair enclosure doors self-closing? Yes___ No___

**WALLS AND CEILINGS**

22. a. Are all wall and ceiling coverings throughout building non-combustible? (Use of untreated combustible fiber boards, wood, and other combustible fiber boards, wood and other combustible finishes is prohibited). Yes___ No___
   b. Do interior wall and ceiling finish materials meet the flame spread ratings as required by the Minimum Interior Finish Classification Table, NCBC Yes___ No___

23. Do ceilings in habitable rooms have a minimum of 7’-6” clear height? Yes___ No___

**HEATING SYSTEMS/MECHANICAL**

24. Is the building free of unvented fuel burning or portable electric space heaters? Yes___ No___

25. Have air conditioning, ventilation, heating, cooking, and other service equipment been inspected and approved by the appropriate inspectors? Yes___ No___
   Date Inspected _______________________________

26. a. Is combustion and ventilation air for boiler or heater rooms taken directly from and discharged to the outside of the building? N/A___ Yes___ No___
   (N/A if electric heat is installed)
   b. If inside air is used for fuel-burning appliance does it meet the requirements of Chapter 7 of the North Carolina Mechanical Code. N/A___ Yes___ No___
   (N/A if inside air is not used)

**PLUMBING**

27. Does the number of waterclosets and lavatories comply with the Plumbing Code as determined by the appropriate inspector? Yes___ No___
   (1 watercloset per 15 children, 1 lavatory per 25 children)

   Maximum # of persons allowed by plumbing facilities? _________
   Date Inspected__________________________
ELECTRICAL
28. Do the visible and accessible portions of the electrical system comply with applicable sections of the Electrical Code as determined by the appropriate inspector?  
   Yes___  No___  
   Date Inspected ___________________________

MIXED AND MULTI-USE OCCUPANCIES
29. Are all child care areas separated from adjacent occupancies in accordance with the requirement of mixed occupancies and the Occupancy Separation Requirements Table? (N/A if no mixed occupancies)  
   N/A___  Yes___  No___
30. Do all multi-use areas comply with the most restrictive applicable sections of the State Building Code for each intended use? (N/A if no multi-use areas)  
   N/A___  Yes___  No___  
   (Multi-use is defined as an area which will be used for different functions at different times and not concurrent. Example: child care to fellowship hall.)

ACCESSIBILITY CODES
31. Does this building comply with applicable State Building Codes for access/use by persons with disabilities?  
   Yes___  No___

SECTION B: The following questions should be answered only for educational occupancy in addition to the questions answered in Section A above.
32. Does the building comply with the Allowable Heights and Building Areas Table for Educational Occupancy? (If NO, go to Section C).  
   Yes___  No___
33. a. Are all rooms, approved for use by children below grade 2, on the level of exit discharge? (If NO go to Section C)  
   Yes___  No___  
b. Are rooms used by children in grades 2 and higher no more than one story above the level of exit discharge?  
   Yes___  No___
34. a. Do rooms used by children who are less than 2 ½ years have a direct exit to the outside? (N/A applies only if center does not serve children under 2 ½ yrs)  
   N/A___  Yes___  No___  
b. Do rooms used by children under 2 ½ years qualify as alcoves to adjacent spaces with direct exit to the outside?  
   Yes___  No___
   c. If the square footage of the child care area is >20,000 square feet, do all rooms for all children have direct exits? (N/A if sq. footage is <20,000)  
   N/A___  Yes___  No___  
   (If NO to both a and b or c, go to Section C)
35. Are all rooms approved for use by children provided with an operable window which complies with Special Exit Requirements for Educational Occupancy? (N/A if direct exit to outside)  
   N/A___  Yes___  No___
36. Is the most remote point in every room occupied by children, including dining room, not more than 200 feet from the nearest exterior exit? (non-sprinklered building)  
   Yes___  No___
37. Are smoke detectors provided in the corridors in accordance with Automatic Fire Detection and NFPA72 for child care use?  
   Yes___  No___

SECTION C: The following questions should be answered only for institutional occupancy in addition to the questions answered in Section A above.
38. Does the building comply with the Allowable Heights and Building Areas Table for Institutional Occupancy?  
   Yes___  No___
SECTION C cont.:

39. Are smoke detectors provided in the corridors in accordance with Automatic Fire Detection and NFPA72?  
   Yes____  No____

40. Does the building provide protection from hazardous areas as required by Special Institutional Occupancies, Group I Unrestrained Occupancies, Protection from Hazardous Areas?  
   Yes____  No____

41. Does the building have an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Special Institutional Occupancies Group I Unrestrained Occupancies?  
   Yes____  No____

42. Is the most remote point in every room occupied by children, including the dining room, not more than 200 feet from the nearest exterior exit?  
   Yes____  No____