



CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal Child Care Center Task Group - Charter

PURPOSE

The Child Care Center Task Group is being formed pursuant to Assembly Bill 176 to advise the State Fire Marshal on research and recommendations for code change proposals and regulation promulgation for the California Building Standards.

AB 176 required the Office of the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services, to promulgate regulations pertaining to occupancy standards for daycare centers no later than January 1, 2027.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Child Care Center Task Group will provide recommendations to the State Fire Marshal for code change proposals and promulgation of regulations for the California Building Standards. The code change proposals will address the occupancy classification provisions for daycare centers. This Task Group shall report to the State Fire Marshal.

Goal:

To provide recommendations to enable the State Fire Marshal to understand and promulgate regulations pertaining to the occupancy and fire and life safety requirements for Child Care Centers.

Objectives:

- Provide solutions to enable the State Fire Marshal to determine and clarify occupancy classification for Child Care Centers.
- Provide a discussion on the impact of the 2019 vs 2022 various “E” Childcare occupancy classifications.
- Provide an evaluation of the cost impacts of the Childcare occupancy classification requirements.
- Review Department of Social Services – Community Care Licensing requirements.
- Review and provide recommended updates for Std. 850 forms.



CHILD CARE CENTER TASK GROUP (AB 176 2023-24)

TASK GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Task Group shall be open to interested parties as well as the following:

- The State Fire Marshal or their designee
- A representative of the Department of Social Services (DSS) - Community Care and Licensing (CCL).

The State Fire Marshal may decide to add any other appropriate stakeholders. The Task Group chairperson shall be the Chief of Code Development and Analysis and the Co-Chairperson a representative from DSS-CCL.

MEETINGS

- Schedule
 - The Chair and Co-chair shall determine the meeting times and frequency.
- Location
 - Meetings shall be regularly scheduled virtually
 - Meetings will not be canceled without cause

To ensure consistency and transparency, the following shall be adhered to:

- An approved, published agenda
- Meeting minutes

All members may submit informational discussion, and/or action items for the agenda before the meeting. Agenda items will take precedence, and non-agenda items may be transacted upon if time permits.

TASK GROUP PROTOCOL & PROCESS

- The chairperson has the authority to set time limits on any agenda item.
- Interpretation and decisions are the purview of the chair.
- The Code Development and Analysis Division will provide administrative support to the Task Group.
- Agenda items should be submitted to the Task Group coordinator a minimum of 15 days before the scheduled meeting date.
- Minutes will be taken at each meeting that captures the essence and actions of the meeting.
 - Minutes will be posted on the Office of the State Fire Marshal website