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Synopsis of Pesticide Policy

Intent of Child care Center

We are dedicated to using the least amount of chemical control of pests on our program in order to provide the healthiest environment possible for our children. In order to control pests at the Cooperative Children's Center.

Integrated Pest management (IPM) (definition)

IPM is a pest management strategy that focuses on long term prevention or suppression of pest problems including the following six components:

(*Must also be in compliance with RCW 17.21.415)

1. Education of staff
2. Monitoring pests
3. Pests prevention (non-chemical)
4. Least hazardous approach to pest control
5. Notification of pesticide use
6. Record keeping

We use the Environmental Protection Agency-for schools guide to integrated Pest Management. This manual can be found at www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/schoollipm/index.html, as well as in the director's office.

We do NOT regularly apply any pesticides to our facility/building.

Notification of Pesticide Policy

We shall provide written notification annually and upon enrollment to families of children and to employees describing the program's pest control policies and methods, including posting and notification requirements. Our policy will be made available to all families and staff for review annually.

A copy will be posted in the director's office, is available by request from the director, and is posted on our website: www.coopchild.org

Record Keeping And Annual Summary/Notification

We shall keep the records of all pesticide applications to center facilities and landscapes, including a list of active ingredients and copies of Pre-Notification and notification postings, letters and method of distribution. We shall make the records readily accessible to interested persons by contacting the director. As required by law the annual summary will include the product names of all pesticides, active ingredients, quantities or each pesticide, and amount of tank mix applied. The annual summary for the previous year will be made available for review and attached to the pesticide policy.

Building/Facility Application (Pre-notification)

We will notify families and staff at least **forty eight (48) hours** before a building/structural pesticide application. The notification system shall include:

- A **system of notifying each family and staff member in writing** (i.e. a letter sent home or mailed) AND
- Posting** of the pre-notification in a prominent place in the main office of the child care center, the front door of the center, and on the door to each classroom.

Please sign below stating that you have done the following:

- I have read the above synopsis of our Pesticide Policy for Childcare Providers and understand where fill copies of this policy, as well as our **IPM**, are available for my review.
- I understand that my family will be notified at least 48 hour prior to any pesticide application.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:

Child's Name(s)
