

12. Our building was built after 1978 OR 1) We maintain our facility to minimize lead hazards AND 2) We follow the Federal requirements in EPA's Renovate Right brochure before painting, remodeling, renovating, or making repairs that disturb paint.*
13. To avoid possible lead exposure, we do not use imported, old or handmade pottery to cook, store or serve food or drinks.
14. To reduce possible exposure to lead-contaminated dirt, we supply a rough mat at the entrance of our facility and encourage the wiping of shoes before entering — or — we are a shoe-free facility.
15. We screen our toys for lead by searching www.cpsc.gov.

Mercury

16. We do not use any mercury-containing thermometers or thermostats. Instead we use digital options.
17. We securely store all used batteries and fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs; we then recycle them at a hazardous waste facility. Visit www.earth911.com to find locations

Furniture and Carpets

18. To avoid possible exposure to flame retardants, we ensure furniture is in good condition without foam or inside stuffing exposed. Stuffed animals, carpet padding, nap mats, pillows, and other foam items are also intact.
19. Furniture is made of solid wood or low-VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) products, with few items made of particleboard. When purchasing furniture or renovating, we choose either solid wood (new or used) or products that have low VOCs.
20. We do not have permanently installed carpeting where children are present.*
21. Area rugs are vacuumed daily and cleaned at least twice a year and as needed using fragrance-free, 3rd party certified (www.ecologo.org, www.epa.gov/saferchoice, OR www.greenseal.org) cleaners.

Art Supplies

22. We use only non-toxic art supplies approved by the Art and Creative Materials Institute (ACMI). Look for ACMI non-toxic seal 'AP' at www.acmiart.org.

Plastics and Plastic Toys

23. We avoid products made out of PVC (such as: soft vinyl dolls, beach balls, and "rubber ducky" chew toys). We use only those products labeled "PVC-free" or "phthalate-free".
24. When using a microwave, we never heat children's food in plastic containers, plastic wrap or plastic bags.
25. When choosing baby bottles, sippy cups or drinking cups, we only use safer alternatives: products made of glass, covered with a silicone sleeve (a silicone bottle jacket to prevent breakage), OR those made with safer plastics such as polypropylene or polyethylene. We encourage the families we serve to purchase and provide the same.*

Treated Playground Equipment

26. We do not have playground equipment made of CCA treated wood (pre-2004) — or — if we do, we apply 2 coats of waterproof stain or sealant at least once a year.

Radon

27. We have tested our facility for radon. If elevated levels of radon are found, we take action to mitigate. We have visited www.epa.gov/radon for resources, and have researched state requirements and guidelines to learn more.

Recycling and Garbage Storage

28. We recycle all paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum and plastic bottles.
29. We keep our garbage covered at all times to avoid attracting pests and to minimize odors.

Education and Awareness

30. We create opportunities to educate the families we serve on eco-healthy practices.

For more information on any checklist items, visit
www.cehn.org/ehcc/resources or www.cehn.org/ehcc/factsheets
* Visit EHCC's FAQs at www.cehn.org/ehcc/toxfaqs



Endorsement Form

1 Verify your responses (both signatures required):

“The information provided on this Eco-Healthy Child Care® Endorsement Checklist is true to the best of my knowledge.”

 1. FACILITY OWNER OR DIRECTOR _____ date _____

 2. PARENT OR NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESS _____ date _____

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Approved by (signature) _____ Date _____

Please select all that apply: We are an Early Head Start Program We are a Head Start Program

How did you hear about the EHCC endorsement? Please choose one. EHCC FaceBook page

Fellow Provider Parent CCR&R Agency or Network State QRIS Eco-Healthy Online Course

Conference (which one?) _____ Other _____

3 Provide fee and confirmation of EHCC participation

As part of EHCC quality control, a limited number of endorsed sites are randomly selected for a free site assessment; selected sites receive at least 48 hours notice. By submitting this endorsement form and payment, you also agree to a possible site assessment conducted by EHCC staff. Please visit www.cehn.org/ehcc/onsite to find out more.

By meeting the criteria outlined above, including: gathering the necessary signatures, and submitting the \$25/\$50 endorsement fee, your facility will receive the 2-year Eco-Healthy Child Care® endorsement certificate, EHCC Poster, and monthly Eco-Healthy Hot Tip emails.

4 Mail form and payment to:

EHCC/CEHN
110 Maryland Avenue NE, Suite 404
Washington DC, 20002

2 Please record your facility information as you would like it to appear on your certificate:

Facility name _____ # licensed capacity _____

Street address or P.O. Box _____

Mailing address if different from facility address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Contact name _____ Phone _____

Contact email _____

Facility website _____

Choose one: Family Child Care Center-based

Our facility is accredited by: AELL NAEYC NAFCC

Please **do not** post my facility information on the website

Fees

The 2-year endorsement processing fee:

- facilities licensed to care for 1-20 children = **\$25**
- facilities licensed to care for 21+ children = **\$50**

Please indicate method of payment

Enclosed is our \$25/\$50 check or money order made out to EHCC/CEHN

We've paid our \$25/\$50 payment via credit card at

www.cehn.org/ehcc/payment

Name on credit card used _____

Renewal Incentive: Previously-endorsed facilities that renew their endorsement on time (both checklist AND payment received by CEHN before one's current endorsement expires) may deduct \$10 from their endorsement fee. (The dates of endorsement are listed on the EHCC endorsement certificate.)

Be Eco-Healthy!

Research increasingly shows that the first years of a child's life are critical to shaping their future health and development. As a child care provider, you have the unique opportunity and responsibility to protect each young child's overall health and well-being. By reducing toxics in your facility, you may help to prevent conditions like asthma, developmental disabilities, and even some forms of cancer. It is essential that we all work together to prevent children's exposure to environmental toxics. Learn more by accessing EHCC's NEW online course here. www.prosolutionstraining.com/ehcc

Thank you for taking steps to make your child care program Eco-Healthy!



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