



AGE/CAPACITY VARIANCES ARE BACK!

Something old is something new....

Blue Earth County is aware of the on-going Child Care Crisis that is affecting all of Minnesota. We have heard from providers and parents that something needs to be done. Although we cannot change legislation, we are willing to do our part. Effective 4/1/18, providers can begin requesting variances for either age or capacity, but not both. Attached is the new variance policy, checklist and application, please review it carefully. Fillable forms are found on the Blue Earth County website (www.blueearthcountymn.gov) under "Variances."

Please note that licensors will not discuss variance requests until all paperwork is complete and submitted.

HOW WILL THIS WORK?

1. You need a variance for a short period of time (less than 90 days) for 1 child.
2. Go to the Blue Earth County website and review the Variance Policy & Procedures.
3. Complete the Child Care Variance Request Checklist to see if you qualify for a variance.
4. If qualified, complete the Blue Earth County Age Distribution & Capacity Variance Request form.
5. Mail or email the Checklist and the Variance Request form to Michelle Lechner at least 30 days in advance.
6. Variance requests will be reviewed the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at licensing staff meetings.
7. Licensors will notify you if your variance was approved or denied.
8. You are allowed 1 variance in a 12-month period.