

## Legal Responsibility for Child Care Licensing

### Day Care: Statutory References

Social Security Act  
Human Resources Code

. . . require us to:

- Issue licenses to facilities meeting minimum standards and monitor/inspect to see that they are met;
- Investigate complaints and see that corrective action is taken;
- Register and list family homes;
- Provide technical assistance on meeting and maintaining standards and achieving quality in child care;  
and
- Administer the Alternative Accreditation program to allow child-care facilities the opportunity to operate under the regulation of a private accrediting body approved by PRS instead of under the direct regulation of PRS.

### Residential Care: Statutory References

Social Security Act  
Human Resources Code

. . . require us to:

- License child-placing agencies and 24-hour child care facilities and maternity homes meeting minimum standards and monitor/inspect to see that they are met;
- License administrators of 24-hour child-care facilities;
- Investigate complaints; see that corrective action is taken;
- Provide technical assistance on meeting and maintaining standards and achieving quality in child care;  
and
- Administer the Alternative Accreditation program to allow child-care facilities the opportunity to operate under the regulation of a private accrediting body approved by PRS instead of under the direct regulation of PRS.

## Fiscal Year 1999 Expenditures and Staffing

Fiscal Year 1999 Expenditures: \$16,729,359

386 Daycare/Residential Child Care Licensing Staff  
416\* Total staff

\* This includes 15 state office staff positions (e.g., Legal staff and Budget staff) that provide support for, and are funded through, but are not supervised by the Licensing program.