

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 069-86

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROGRAM FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION IN  
CHILDCARE CENTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Whereas, there are 46,000 children in San Francisco who are in need of  
childcare and approximately 17,600 of these children are in childcare  
settings; and

Whereas, in group care setting, children are increasingly exposed to  
communicable diseases and potential safety hazards; and

Whereas, day care licensing requirements provide minimal assurances of health  
and safety; and

Whereas, numerous studies have documented that children in group care have  
more infections per year than those children who are cared for individually at  
home; and

Whereas, there is no existing childcare health program in San Francisco nor  
anywhere in California; and

Whereas, childcare settings provide opportunities to decrease the risk of  
serious illness, injury and abuse, and to promote health prevention-oriented  
behavior for children, their parents, and their childcare providers; and

Whereas, the Family Health, Communicable Disease, Environmental Health and  
Public Health Nursing divisions of the Department of Public Health have  
recommended that a childcare health program be established in San Francisco in  
order to promote health and prevent the spread of communicable diseases; and

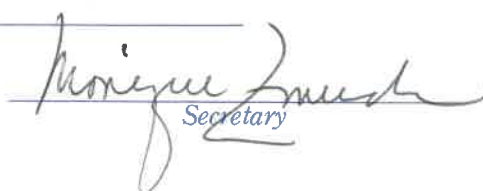
Whereas, the program would include the identifying a child health coordinator  
position who will serve as the department's liaison with childcare providers;  
forming an interdisciplinary childcare committee to determine appropriate  
activities for the childcare health program; developing guidelines for  
childcare in the areas of infection control and the prevention of the spread  
of communicable disease, with additional focus on accident prevention, health  
screening, growth and development, nutrition, and food handling; sponsoring or  
facilitating training in childcare centers in child health issues; developing  
a resource library for childcare centers, staff, and interested groups;  
establishing a hot line to refer, document, and respond to health questions of  
childcare providers; and developing a database of information on child health;  
now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission adopts a program to promote health and  
prevent illness in childcare centers in San Francisco and adopts the  
department's recommendations which will implement the program.

*PRESIDENT*

*DIRECTOR OF HEALTH*

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission  
at its meeting of July 15, 1986*

  
*Secretary*