

**Chapter 11**  
**CHILD CARE**

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**Sec. 11-1.1 Policy.**

It is the policy of the City and County of Honolulu to:

- (a) Acknowledge the importance of affordable and accessible, quality child care on the individual, the family, the workplace, and the community;
- (b) Take a positive and active role in the development and promotion of cooperative relationships among parents, employers, child care professionals, employee organizations, businesses, educators, community leaders, and government officials aimed at increasing the availability of accessible and affordable quality child care to working families in the City and County of Honolulu;
- (c) Become a model employer in the delivery of child care services to its employees;
- (d) Integrate the child care needs of citizens into the city's land use planning process;
- (e) Institute procedures to expedite the necessary approvals and permits required for the construction of child care facilities and for projects which include the construction of child care facilities;
- (f) Make vacant or underutilized city properties available to qualified child care providers;
- (g) Ensure that appropriate city personnel possess the requisite understanding of and familiarity with applicable legal, regulatory and procedural requirements for quality child care programs;
- (h) Utilize the available resources of federal, state and private agencies to enhance the availability of affordable, quality child care on Oahu;
- (i) Support federal and state legislation that is consistent with the intent of this section;
- (j) Encourage all employers on Oahu to address the issue of child care in their employee policies;
- (k) Encourage all city vendors to adopt a stated child care policy. To the extent permitted by law, the city shall give vendors with such policies preference in contracting with the city;
- (l) Support efforts to offer a child care benefit option in any cafeteria plan, within the meaning of Section 125, Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for city employees; and
- (m) Review the activities of the city in promoting the expansion of child care services in every annual report of the city published by the mayor pursuant to the Revised Charter of Honolulu.

(Added by Ord. 89-64)

**Sec. 11-1.2 Child care coordinator.**

There is established in the department of community and social resources, for administrative purposes only, without regard to HRS Chapter 76, a child care coordinator, whose duties shall be to help implement the policies contained in Section 11-1.1, bring focus and coordination to the city's activities relating to child care, and provide a wide range of assistance to public and private entities interested in expanding child care services on Oahu.

(Added by Ord. 89-64; Am. Ord. 96-58, 97-17, 14-24)

**Sec. 11-1.3 Child care advisory board.**

- (a) There is established within the department of community services, for administrative purposes only, a child care advisory board, the purpose of which shall be to advise the child care coordinator established in Section 11-1.2 on means to encourage the private sector to become partners with the city in expanding child care services, and on means to increase the public's awareness of child care issues. The board shall also serve as a forum for the various sectors of the community to address child care needs and consider appropriate actions for public and private implementation. The board may hold public hearings to seek advice and information from the public in furtherance of its duties.
- (b) The board shall consist of nine members. Four members shall be appointed by the mayor. Four members shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the council, subject to the approval of the council. The ninth member shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Except as provided otherwise in this section, the board shall be governed by the provisions of Section 13-103, Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973, as amended.

(Added by Ord. 89-64; Am. Ord. 96-58, 97-17, 14-24)

**Sec. 11-1.4 Terms of agreement--Child care.**

Every contract to lease or rent property of the City and County of Honolulu for multifamily housing shall provide in the lease agreement that child care is a permitted use on such property as long as such use is in accordance with uses permitted in the LUO, Chapter 21, ROH 1990, and the persons comply with the licensing and registration requirements for Child Care Facilities in HRS Chapter 346. (Added by Ord. 91-06)