



## CALIFORNIA RESOURCE BLAST – OCTOBER 2011



### INFORMATION ABOUT NARA

[www.naralicensing.org](http://www.naralicensing.org)

The National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) is an international professional organization dedicated to promoting excellence in human care regulation and licensing through leadership, education, collaboration, and services. NARA represents all human care licensing, including adult residential and assisted living, adult day care, child care, child welfare and program licensing for services related to mental illness, developmental disabilities and abuse of drugs or alcohol. We are human service regulatory professionals, human service providers, university faculty, independent researchers and consultants, allied professions from health, safety and legal disciplines, consumers and all others who share our vision: **Consumer Protection Through Prevention.**

***To bring the highest quality of comprehensive, evidence-based professional development services within reach of every human care regulatory agency and every individual who is, or who aspires to become, a professional human care regulator.***

Our mission is consumer protection through prevention. The number of children and vulnerable adults in out-of-home care is at an all time high, and still growing. NARA provides leadership and forums for broad public consideration of their protection in an era of downsizing, regulatory reform, privatization and other challenges to find effective and affordable means of consumer protection and support for an expanding human care and service industry. Among our partners are providers, consumers and their families, regulators, advocates, concerned citizens, business and religious communities, policy-makers, universities, researchers, and allied professionals from the academic, technical and treatment disciplines.

### MEMBER BENEFITS AND SERVICES

[www.naralicensing.org/membership](http://www.naralicensing.org/membership)

A major purpose for NARA is to create a community of professional practice. The association offers membership to Individuals and Agencies that include the following benefits:

- NARA LIST- SERVES AND FORUMS - Communicate and stay connected to your peers through online, interactive, interest groups for Adult Care, Child Care, Child Welfare, Drug and Alcohol, Legal, MH-MR-DD, and Training
- NARA WEB-CONFERENCES – Join quarterly webinars for members-only on emerging trends and policy considerations for licensing
- NARA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – online, searchable directory that keeps members in touch and helps professionals find others in their position in other states and provinces.
- NARA LICENSING NEWSLETTER - an e-newsletter published quarterly that provides members with information on legal issues, new research, member news and articles from guest contributors
- StateBLAST – a web-based resource page for members to submit state reports, legislation, and job postings related to licensing.
- MONTHLY Resource BLASTS – email clipping service on up-to-date resources, news and reports on licensing and related topics.
- REDUCED RATES ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES, AND MATERIALS – significantly reduced registration and fees for NARA activities and products such as:
  - NARA Annual Conference and Licensing Seminar
  - NARA Monthly Webinar Series – targeted, monthly learning opportunities
  - NARA Licensing Curriculum
  - NARA Online Courses and Credentialing Program

**JOIN US TODAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE MANY BENEFITS!**

**THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF  
LICENSING RESEARCH, BEST  
PRACTICES, POLICY AND ADVOCACY**  
[www.naralicensing.org/publications](http://www.naralicensing.org/publications) |  
[www.naralicensing.org/policy](http://www.naralicensing.org/policy)

NARA has for more than three decades provided policy, practice and research advocacy, strengthening the licensing profession through varied publications, surveys, issue briefs, and presentation. Useful, practical information and resources include:

- Strong Licensing – Call To Action Policy Briefs – advocacy efforts on child care quality released in 2010.
- Best Practices Issue Brief
- Biannual Child Care Licensing Studies- comprehensive surveys of the states on their child care practices
- NARA Presentations
- Publications Research Archive

**THE ANNUAL LICENSING SEMINAR AND  
PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE**  
[www.naralicensing.org/Seminar](http://www.naralicensing.org/Seminar)

NARA is pleased to announce that the 2012 NARA Licensing Seminar will be held at the Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco, California. Plan to join us on September 10-12, 2012 to learn more about best practices in human care licensing.

- The call for proposals and theme will be released later this year. The information will be posted on this website and will be e-mailed out to all NARA contacts. If you would like to receive e-mails about the 2012 NARA Licensing Seminar, sign up today!
- If you missed the 2011 NARA Licensing Seminar, you missed out!
- Take a look at the program and registration brochure to learn more about all of the wonderful sessions attendees were able to experience in Pittsburgh.

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ABOUT NARA, VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE:  
[www.naralicensing.org](http://www.naralicensing.org)**

**TRAINING AND CONSULTING SERVICES**  
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NARA contracts with states, Canadian provinces and countries to produce on-site training that focuses on the Licensing Curriculum leading to the NARA Level 1 Credential for regulators as well as specialized and in-depth training related to investigation and regulatory topics. The training provides new and advanced regulators with a thorough background of what it means to be a regulator, how one regulates to ensure the providers protect the health, safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults in care, and further provides a blueprint to the collection of evidence and preparation for success in administrative hearings or reaching settlement agreements that lead to compliance. These services enhance and refine the delivery by states, provinces and countries of licensing services by regulators to providers. In addition, NARA offers agencies in-depth consulting services tailored to specific needs such as:

- Development of interpretive guidelines for licensing rules
- Manual development or revision (e.g. for policies, procedures and rules)
- Best Practices Training
- Facilitation
- Needs assessment
- Workload assessments
- Review of administrative policies and procedures and licensing enforcement systems
- Design and implementation of efficient licensing measurement systems and automation systems
- Operational analyses of the licensing program
- Review and revision assistance with licensing rules
- Research; and assistance with quality rating systems

**NARA ALSO OFFERS AN  
ONLINE COURSE  
CURRICULUM AND TRAINING  
and CREDENTIALING  
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