

**EightCAP, Inc. 0-5 Head Start**  
**ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS**  
**2023-2024**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires child care centers that apply pesticides on their property to provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of children attending the facility.

Please be advised that EightCAP, Inc. utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized. As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to children, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be provided at least 48 hours before the application by the following 2 methods:

1. Posting a notice in a common area of the child care center.
2. Providing each child's parent or guardian with written notification via the *Advance Notice of Pesticide Treatment*.

Parents or guardians are entitled to receive the *Advance Notice of Pesticide Treatment*, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first-class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the pesticide application. If you would prefer to be notified by mail, please contact Janel Boulis, Head Start/Early Head Start Director, at 616-225-5989 or [janelb@8cap.org](mailto:janelb@8cap.org).

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending EightCAP, Inc. programs may review the program's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Dave Washbourn, Facilities/Operations Supervisor, at 616-236-1049 or [davidw@8cap.org](mailto:davidw@8cap.org).