IPM IN CHILDCARE

PROVEN STRATEGIES FOR EDUCATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
DEVELOPED BY SAFER PEST CONTROL PROJECT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Illinois Childcare IPM Law: Effective July 2004
The Law impacts licensed childcare centers and requires:

1) IPM: Centers must use integrated pest management to control indoor pests;
2) Parents’ Right-to-Know: Centers must notify parents, guardians and staff at least two days, but
no more than thirty days before pesticide application; and
3) Reducing Exposure: Centers must take simple steps to limit children’s exposure to pesticides.

STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING COMPLIANCE:

Communication & Coordination
Safer Pest Control Project created a Statewide Partnership
for Childcare IPM with over twenty stakeholders.

Goal: Educate stakeholders about IPM and the law and utilize
their expertise to craft a strategy to increase compliance.

Training, Resources & Motivation to Change
Our interactive workshops and training materials help centers understand IPM and the need for change.

Goal: Provide training and tools that promote change.

Systemic Change
We train childcare licensing representatives, sanitarians, childcare trainers and early education professors so they understand and support IPM.

Goal: Ensure leaders within the childcare community are informed and are advocates for safer pest control.

Policy Work/Support
Enforcement of the law is crucial for sustained systemic change; we work with legislators and
state agencies to monitor compliance and training initiatives.

Goal: Create a self-sustaining, state-run IPM program for schools and childcares.

Pest Control Industry
PMPs increasingly recognize IPM as a sound business strategy – as well as ‘the right thing to do.’
We support IPM Certifications and Registries to help IPM-PMPs gain recognition for their work.

Goal: Create a market-based incentive that rewards IPM-PMPs for doing good work.