



Ruling Out Overconcentration

California Health and Safety Codes limit the number of certain types of Community Care Facilities (CCF's) in a given area. Per Health and Safety Code 1520.5, it is the policy of the state to prevent overconcentrations of residential care facilities that impair the integrity of residential neighborhoods. Therefore, the director shall deny an application for a new residential care facility license if the director determines that the location is in a proximity to an existing residential care facility that would result in "overconcentration." This means that if a new license is issued, there will be residential care facilities which are separated by a distance of 300 feet or less, as measured from any point upon the outside walls of the structures housing those facilities."

In plain English, you should not apply for a license if your proposed facility is less than 300 feet from a facility that is already licensed, or from a proposed facility that has submitted an application before you. Determining this should be one of your first pre-licensing tasks.

Note: Per Health and Safety Code 1520.5(e), overconcentration shall not apply if you are purchasing an existing facility, as long as the location doesn't change.

Per Health and Safety Code 1520.5(b), based on special local needs and conditions, the director may approve a separation distance of less than 300 feet with the approval of the city or county in which the proposed facility will be located.

Foster Family Homes (FFA's), Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE's), and transitional care facilities are exempt from this law. In most areas the bulk of other licensed facilities will be ARF's, however, RA Mears Consulting recommends you conduct an exhaustive search of the area in question for all other types of licensed facilities, including:

- Residential Small Family Homes
- Residential Crisis Nurseries
- Residential Community Treatment Facility
- Children's Residential Group Home
- Child Care Infant Center
- School Age Child Care Center
- Child Care Center – Mildly Ill
- Child Care Center – Preschool – serves ages 2-5
- Family Child Care Home (Small)
- Family Child Care Home (Large)
- Adult Residential Facility

- Adult Residential ARFPSHN’s
- Residential Care Facility for Chronically Ill
- Social Rehabilitation Facility
- Adult Day Care

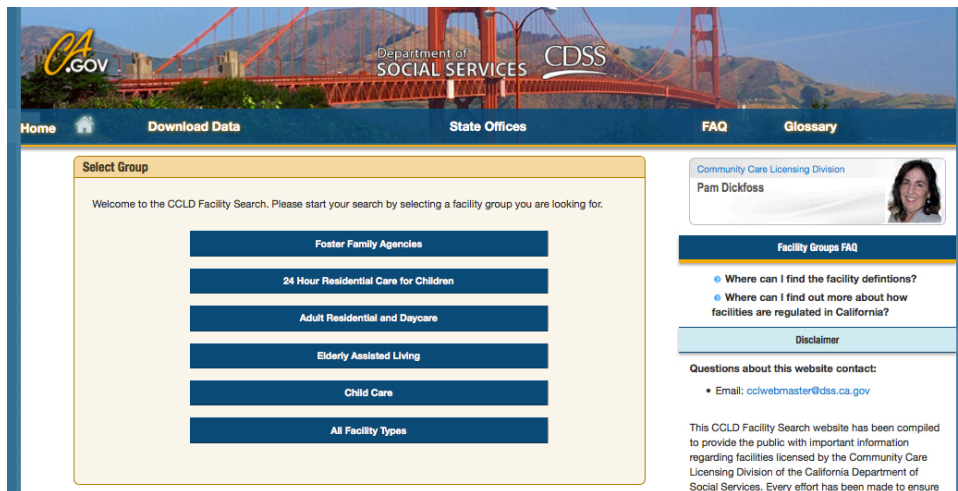
Use the following procedure to determine if your proposed facility is in an overconcentrated area.

1. Just below the current link you will find one entitled "Search All Licensed Facilities In California."



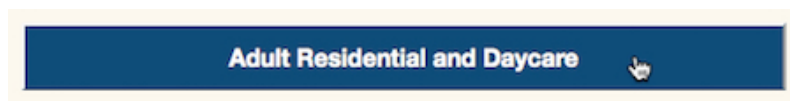
Click on it.

2. This will bring you to the CCLD facility search, or “Select Group” page.



3. Select the facility group to locate. This example will illustrate how to search for Adult Residential Facilities (ARF’s).

Click on “Adult Residential and Daycare.”



4. This will bring you to the "Search" menu.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a header "Search" and a sub-header "Please start your search by selecting one or more of the available criteria below." Below this, there is a section for "Facility Type" with a dropdown menu set to "Adult Residential Facility". A note above the dropdown says "Current Group selected: [Adult Residential and Daycare]". Below the dropdown, it says "AND one of the following:". There are four input fields: "Facility Name:", "Street:", "City:", and "Zip code:". Below these is a "County:" dropdown menu set to "Select a county". At the bottom left is a "Search" button.

Enter the Zip code or City where your proposed facility is located, in this example "92123." Click on "Search."

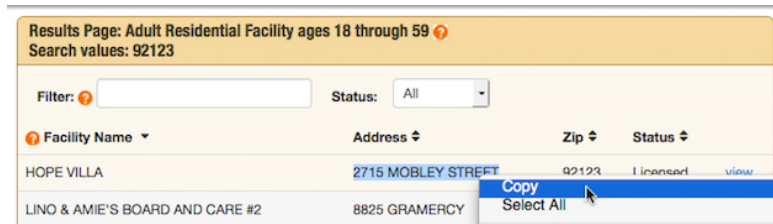
This is a close-up of the search form. The "Zip code:" field contains the text "92123". The "County:" dropdown menu is set to "Select a county". A mouse cursor is hovering over the "Search" button.

5. This will bring you to a "Results Page" that includes all licensed ARF's in the 92123 zip code.

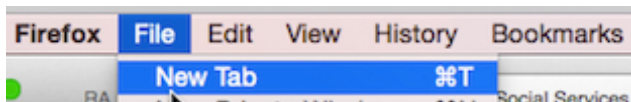
The screenshot shows a "Results Page" for "Adult Residential Facility ages 18 through 59". The search values are "92123". There is a "Filter:" field and a "Status:" dropdown menu set to "All". The results are displayed in a table with columns for Facility Name, Address, Zip, and Status. Each row has a "view" link.

Facility Name	Address	Zip	Status	
HOPE VILLA	2715 MOBLEY STREET	92123	Licensed	view
LINO & AMIE'S BOARD AND CARE #2	8825 GRAMERCY	92123	Licensed	view
MARCEL VILLA	3032 LARKIN PL	92123	Licensed	view

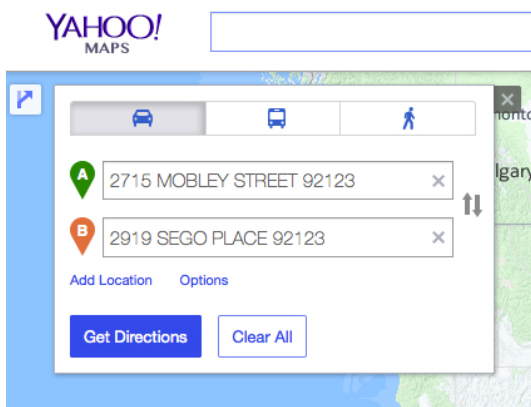
- Highlight the address of the first facility on the list and copy it.



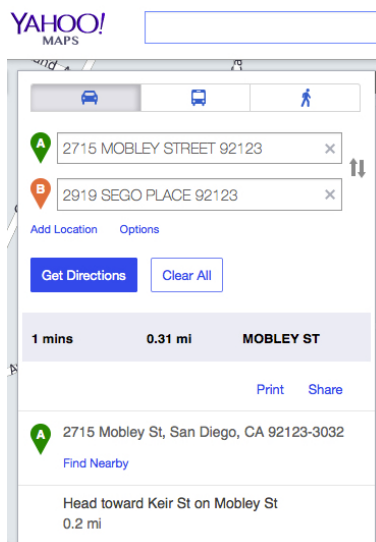
- In a separate browser page open your favorite map program.



- Paste the address of the first facility on your list into one of the fields and write the address of your proposed facility in the other.



- Get the directions.



10. Note the distance between the two locations. The distance must be greater than 300 feet, or 0.057 miles.

Note: If you find that your proposed facility IS within 300 feet of an already licensed facility, you can measure the distance manually. Remember, per Health and Safety Code 1520.5, the distance is “...as measured from any point upon the outside walls of the structures housing those facilities.”

Good luck.

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