



Child Care Hearing Do's and Don'ts*

DO

Be organized

Address concerns with facts

Know any witnesses and what they are going to say

Present your case on its own merits and strengths

Talk to the Planning Commission as if you are explaining the situation to someone sitting in your living room

Deal with the facts as presented in the staff Report

Get your supporters to the hearing

Make a diagram of the neighborhood with your supporters colored in (if this is to your advantage and they are right next door)

Argue about the needs of the families your program will serve

Ask for questions

Address incorrect statements made by your opponents

DON'T

Talk too much

Bring in information unrelated to the concerns

Have witnesses give the same testimony over and over

Put down other types of child care

Read written testimony

Be argumentative

Talk about your "right" to do child care

Raise personal arguments

Be late for the hearing

*From the Child Care Law Center