**Section 411.185 Child Counts and Youth Counts**

a) The secure child care facility shall develop a system for physically counting each child or youth at the start, approximately in the middle, and end of each shift. The system shall include strict accountability for all children and youth assigned to the facility, including all children and youth present at the facility, all children and youth on authorized absence, all children and youth released for any reason, and all children and youth discharged from the facility during each shift.

b) A formal record of these counts shall be made and signed by the shift supervisor prior to the end of his or her shift.

c) Counts shall be reconciled daily with the official record of all admissions to and discharges from the facility.