

Types of Child Care Programs

Below is a brief description of the types of programs the state regulates.

Family Care - Registered Home

Allow 6 children full-time (only 2 under 24 months) and can have 4 additional school age children before & after school.

Family Care - Licensed Home

An early childhood program can be licensed for up to 12 children in the residence with 2 staff. No more than 2 can be under 24 months.

School Age Center or Early Childhood Program

This includes part day and full day, after school and preschool can have:

6 weeks - 23 months - 8 children with a 1-4 staff to child ratio

24 months - 35 months - 10 children with a 1-5 staff ratio

3 years - kindergarten - 20 children with a 1-10 ratio

1st grade - 15 years - no max number of children, 1-13 ratio

Legally Exempt Care

This allows a person to care for children from not more than 2 families (excluding their own children).

