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).