

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Alaska State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	220	13,873
Small FCC homes	379	2,845
Large/group FCC homes	85	998
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	684	17,716

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	3
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	26
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	26:1

Note: NCCIC/NARA calculated the estimated caseload by dividing the total number of licensed facilities (i.e., centers and FCC homes) by the total number of licensing line staff.

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FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS BY TYPE			
Type	Child Care Centers	Small FCC Homes	Large/Group FCC Homes
Prior to issuing a license	✓	✓	✓
• Announced	✓	✓	✓
• Unannounced			
License renewal	✓	✓	✓
• Announced	✓	✓	✓
• Unannounced			
Routine compliance	✓	✓	✓
• Announced	✓	✓	✓
• Unannounced	✓	✓	✓
FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 2 years		
Small FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 2 years		
Small FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Title 7 AAC 57 – Child Care Facilities Licensing			6/23/2006
Small FCC home regulations			
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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Title 7 AAC 57 – Child Care Facilities Licensing	6/23/2006	
Note: NCCIC/NARA used child care licensing regulations that were posted on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education Web site between January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2007. Regulations titles were also copied directly from this site.		
DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES		
Small FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	5–8	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	8	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	3 younger than 30 months, with no more than 2 nonambulatory children	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	9–12	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	12:2	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes, children younger than age 12	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	5:1	10
9 months	5:1	10
18 months	5:1	10
27 months	6:1	12
3 years	10:1	20
4 years	10:1	20
5 years	14:1	28
6 years	14:1	28
7 years	14:1	36
8–9 years	18:1	36
10 years and older	18:1	36

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY TYPE			
Type	Child Care Centers	Small FCC Homes	Large/Group FCC Homes
Criminal history records	✓	✓	✓
Fingerprints	✓	✓	✓
Child abuse and neglect registry	✓	✓	✓
Sex offender registry	✓	✓	✓
Signed statement about criminal status	✓	✓	✓
MINIMUM PRESERVICE QUALIFICATIONS AND ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS			
Role	Minimum Preservice Qualifications	Ongoing Training Hours	
Child care center staff			
Director	CDA credential	45 every 2 years	
Master teacher	CDA credential	45 every 2 years	
Teacher	No preservice qualifications	20	
Assistant teacher	NR	NR	
Aide	NR	NR	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	None	12 per year	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	None	20 per year	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	

Key:

CCP = Certified Child Care Professional Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association
 CDA = Child Development Associate Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition
 ECE = Early childhood education
 FCC = Family child care
 GED = General Educational Development Test
 NA = Not applicable/not addressed
 NAC = National Administrators Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association

NARA = National Association for Regulatory Administration
 NC = No category of facility
 NCCIC = National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center
 NL = Not licensed
 NR = Not regulated
 SAC = School-age children