

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Arizona State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	2,261	247,360
Small FCC homes	NL	NL
Large/group FCC homes	417	4,002
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	2,678	251,362

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	7
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	38
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	70:1

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	✓	NL	✓
• Announced	✓		✓
• Unannounced			
License renewal	✓	NL	✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓		✓
Routine compliance	✓	NL	✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓		✓
FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once a year		
Small FCC homes	Twice a year		
Large/group FCC homes	Twice a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 3 years		
Small FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
9. AAC 5. Department of Health Services Child Care Facilities			9/1/2004
Small FCC home regulations			
NL			

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
9. AAC 3: Chapter 3. Department of Health Services: Child Care Group Homes	9/1/2004	
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	NL	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	NL	
Provider's own children counted	NL	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	NL	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	5–10 unrelated	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	5:1	
Provider's own children counted	No (total not to exceed 15)	
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 or 11:2	NR
9 months	5:1 or 11:2	NR
18 months	6:1 or 13:2	NR
27 months	8:1	NR
3 years	13:1	NR
4 years	15:1	NR
5 years	20:1	NR
6 years	20:1	NR
7 years	20:1	NR
8–9 years	20:1	NR
10 years and older	20:1	NR

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY TYPE			
Type	Child Care Centers	Small FCC Homes	Large/Group FCC Homes
Criminal history records	✓	NL	✓
Fingerprints	✓	NL	✓
Child abuse and neglect registry		NL	
Sex offender registry		NL	
Signed statement about criminal status	✓	NL	✓
MINIMUM PRESERVICE QUALIFICATIONS AND ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS			
Role	Minimum Preservice Qualifications	Ongoing Training Hours	
Child care center staff			
Director	Clock hours in ECE	12	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	12	
Assistant teacher	Enrolled in high school or GED program	12	
Aide	High school STRIVE program	12	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	NL	NL	
Assistant provider	NL	NL	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE	12	
Assistant provider	Clock hours in ECE	12	

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