

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Iowa State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	1,508	89,355
Small FCC homes	2,299	18,392
Large/group FCC homes	3,091	8,218
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	6,898	115,965

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	1
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	11
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	137:1

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. The caseload ratio is based on the total number of child care centers. The number of FTE line staff reported is only for licensed child care centers.

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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 a year		
Small FCC homes	20% of homes are inspected annually		
Large/group FCC homes	20% of homes are inspected annually		
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			
Chapter 109: Child Care Centers			1/11/2006
Small FCC home regulations			
Chapter 110: Child Development Homes			7/1/2004

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Chapter 110: Child Development Homes	7/1/2004	
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	6 (plus 2 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	6	
Provider's own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	4 younger than 2 years, with no more than 3 younger than 18 months	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	6–12 (plus 2 SAC and 2 part time)	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	3:1 for children younger than 18 months; 8:1 with no more than 4 younger than 2 years, and no more than 3 younger than 18 months	
Provider's own children counted	Yes	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	4:1	NR
9 months	4:1	NR
18 months	4:1	NR
27 months	6:1	NR
3 years	8:1	NR
4 years	12:1	NR
5 years	15:1	NR
6 years	15:1	NR
7 years	15:1	NR
8–9 years	15:1	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	✓	✓	✓
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	Clock hours in ECE	8	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	No preservice qualifications	6	
Assistant teacher	NR	NR	
Aide	NR	NR	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	None	12	
Assistant provider	None	0	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Experience	12	
Assistant provider	Experience	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