

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

New Mexico State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	656	44,475
Small FCC homes	154	974
Large/group FCC homes	181	2,092
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	991	47,541

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	4
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	12
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	83:1

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 a year		
Small FCC homes	Once a year		
Large/group FCC homes	Once a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once a year		
Small FCC homes	Once a year		
Large/group FCC homes	Once a year		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Title 8 Social Services, Chapter 16 Child Care Licensing, Part 2 – Child Care Centers, Out of School Time Programs, Family Child Care Homes, and Other Early Care and Education Programs			8/31/2006
Small FCC home regulations			
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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Title 8 Social Services, Chapter 16 Child Care Licensing, Part 2 – Child Care Centers, Out of School Time Programs, Family Child Care Homes, and Other Early Care and Education Programs	8/31/2006	
<p>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.</p>		
DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES		
Small FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	5–6	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	6	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	2 younger than 2 years	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	7–12	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	6: 1, with no more than 2 younger than 2 years	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	6: 1	NR
9 months	6: 1	NR
18 months	6: 1	NR
27 months	10: 1	NR
3 years	12: 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	15: 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	Vocational certificate	24	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	Clock hours in ECE	24	
Assistant teacher	NR	NR	
Aide	NR	NR	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE	12	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE	12	
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