

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Oklahoma State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	1,807	110,322
Small FCC homes	2,166	15,124
Large/group FCC homes	1,231	14,696
Other types of licensed facilities*	180	3,996
Total	5,384	144,138

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	22
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	107
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	50:1

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	3 times a year		
Small FCC homes	3 times a year		
Large/group FCC homes	3 times a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Nonexpiring		
Small FCC homes	Nonexpiring		
Large/group FCC homes	Nonexpiring		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Licensing Requirements for Child Care Centers			10/1/2007
Small FCC home regulations			
Licensing Requirements for Family Child Care Homes and Large Child Care Homes			10/1/2007

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Licensing Requirements for Family Child Care Homes and Large Child Care Homes	10/1/2007	
<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	1–7	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	5 for any age; 6, with no more than 3 younger than 2 years; 7, with no more than 2 younger than 2 years	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	5 younger than 2 years	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	8–12	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	5:1 for any age; 6:1, with no more than 3 younger than 2 years; 7:1, with no more than 2 younger than 2 years; 7:1, if all 2 years and older; 8:1, if all 3 years and older; 10:1, if all 4 years and older; 12:1, if all 5 years and older	
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	8
9 months	4:1	8
18 months	6:1	12
27 months	8:1	16
3 years	12:1	24
4 years	15:1	30
5 years	15:1	30
6 years	20:1	40
7 years	20:1	40
8–9 years	20:1	40
10 years and older	20:1	40

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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	State director credential and experience	20	
Master teacher	Oklahoma Competency Certificate in ECE	12	
Teacher	Completion of the 10th grade and enrolled in GED program	12	
Assistant teacher	Enrolled in high school or GED program	12	
Aide	No preservice qualifications	12	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	None	12	
Assistant provider	None	0	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Vocational-technical occupational child care diploma and experience	15	
Assistant provider	None	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

***Note:** Other licensed facilities include residential facilities.