

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Virginia State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	2,688	252,737
Small FCC homes	NL	NL
Large/group FCC homes	1,898	19,929
Other types of licensed facilities*	12	1,366
Total	4,598	274,032

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	9
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	68
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	68:1

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	Twice a year		
Small FCC homes	NL		
Large/group FCC homes	Twice a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 2 years		
Small FCC homes	NL		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Chapter 30 – Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers			7/11/2007
Small FCC home regulations			
NL			

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title		Date
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Minimum Standards for Licensed Family Day Homes		7/1/2006
<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	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	6-12	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	See notes**	
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	4:1	NR
9 months	4:1	NR
18 months	5:1	NR
27 months	8:1	NR
3 years	10:1	NR
4 years	10:1	NR
5 years	18:1	NR
6 years	18:1	NR
7 years	18:1	NR
8-9 years	18:1	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 and experience	10	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	Clock hours in ECE within 1 month of employment	10	
Assistant teacher	No preservice qualifications	10	
Aide	NR	NR	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	NL	NL	
Assistant provider	NL	NL	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	None	6	
Assistant provider	None	6	

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

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Notes:

* Other licensed facilities include family day systems and certified preschools. The state reported that there were 963 religious exempt child care centers and 1,139 voluntarily registered FCC homes in 2007.

**In determining the need for an assistant, the following ratios are required, including the provider's own and resident children younger than 8 years of age:

Age of Child	Child-Staff Ratio
Birth–15 months	4:1
16–23 months	5:1
2–4 years	8:1
5–9 years	16:1
10 years and older	Not counted

When children are in mixed-age groups, the provider shall apply the following point system to determine the need for an assistant. Each caregiver shall not exceed 16 points. The provider's own and resident children younger than 8 years of age count in point maximums.

Age of Child	Points
Birth–15 months	4
16–23 months	3
2–4 years	2
5–9 years	1
10 years and older	0