

# The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

## Colorado State Profile

### LICENSING AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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### NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers*	2,956	114,947
Small FCC homes	3,403	28,139
Large/group FCC homes	551	5,181
Other types of licensed facilities**	439	21,864
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>170,131</b>

### NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	9
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	24
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	306:1

**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
<b>Prior to issuing a license</b>	✓	✓	✓
• Announced	✓	✓	✓
• Unannounced			
<b>License renewal</b>	✓	✓	✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	✓
<b>Routine compliance</b>	✓	✓	✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	✓
FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Risk-based schedule varying between once a month to once every 3 years; on average, once every 2 years		
Small FCC homes	Risk-based schedule varying between once a month to once every 3 years; on average, once every 2 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Risk-based schedule varying between once a month to once every 3 years; on average, once every 2 years		
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
<b>Child care center regulations</b>			
Volume of Child Care Facility Licensing			9/7/2007
<b>Small FCC home regulations</b>			
Volume of Child Care Facility Licensing			9/7/2007

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title		Date
<b>Large/group FCC home regulations</b>		
Volume of Child Care Facility Licensing		9/7/2007
<p><b>Note:</b> 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		
<b>Small FCC homes</b>		
Number of children allowed	2–6 (plus 2 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	8	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	2 younger than 2 years	
<b>Large/Group FCC homes</b>		
Number of children allowed	7–12	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	7:1	
Provider’s own children counted	NA	
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	10
9 months	5:1	10
18 months	5:1	10
27 months	7:1	14
3 years	10:1	20
4 years	12:1	24
5 years	15:1	30
6 years	15:1	30
7 years	15:1	30
8–9 years	15:1	30
10 years and older	15:1	30

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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	
<b>Child care center staff</b>			
Director	Credit hours in ECE	9	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	Vocational or occupational education program	9	
Assistant teacher	Experience	9	
Aide	No preservice qualifications	9	
<b>Small FCC home providers</b>			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE	15	
Assistant provider	None	0	
<b>Large/Group FCC home providers</b>			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE and experience	15	
Assistant provider	None	0	

**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

**Notes:**

\*The number of licensed child care centers includes part-day preschools and school-age care centers.

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\*\*Other licensed facilities include children's resident camps, 24-hour child care facilities, and child placement agencies.