

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

North Dakota State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	135	9,851
Small FCC homes	415	2,962
Large/group FCC homes	866	11,766
Other types of licensed facilities*	258	11,374
Total	1,674	35,953

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	4
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	17
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	98:1

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	Twice a year		
Small FCC homes	Twice a year		
Large/group FCC homes	Twice a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Facilities have choice of 1-year or 2-year license		
Small FCC homes	Facilities have choice of 1-year or 2-year license		
Large/group FCC homes	Facilities have choice of 1-year or 2-year license		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Child Care Center – North Dakota Early Childhood Services, Chapter 75-03-10			1/1/1999
Small FCC home regulations			
Family Child Care Homes – North Dakota Early Childhood Services, Chapter 75-03-08			1/1/1999

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Group Child Care – North Dakota Early Childhood Services, Chapter 75-03-09	1/1/1999	
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	4–7 (plus 2 SAC for 2 hours before and after school and during school vacations)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	9, if 2 are SAC; 4, if all are younger than 2 years	
Provider’s own children counted	No	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	3 younger than 2 years, if more than 4 children	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	8–18	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	4:1 for children younger than 2 years; 5:1 for children 2–3 years; 7:1 for children 3–4 years; 10:1 for children 4–5 years; 12:1 for children 5–6 years; 18:1 for children 6–12 years	
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	4:1	8
9 months	4:1	8
18 months	4:1	8
27 months	5:1	10
3 years	7:1	14
4 years	10:1	20
5 years	12:1	24
6 years	18:1	36
7 years	18:1	36
8–9 years	18:1	36
10 years and older	18:1	36

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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	CDA credential	13
Master teacher	NR	NR
Teacher	None	13
Assistant teacher	NR	NR
Aide	NR	NR
Small FCC home providers		
Provider	Clock hours in ECE	9
Assistant provider	None	0
Large/Group FCC home providers		
Provider	Experience	10
Assistant provider	None	8

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 preschools, school-age child care, group facilities, multiple-license facilities, and public approvals.