

LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE HOME FACT SHEET



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Definition of Family Day Care Home

An occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated families and which receives a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not operated for profit. (*Section 402.302(7), Florida Statutes*)

Licensing Authority

Every family day care home in the state shall be registered or have a license which shall be renewed annually. (*Section 402.313(1), Florida Statutes*)

Child Care Personnel Requirements

Operator Requirements:

- √ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S..
- √ Must be at least 18 years of age.
- √ Must be the occupant and licensee of the home.
- √ Must complete the 30-clock-hour family child care training (prior to caring for children), as evidenced by passage of a competency exam.
- √ Must complete 10 hour annual in-service training.
- √ Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit or 5 clock hours of approved training in early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.
- √ May not be employed outside of the home during hours of operation.
- √ Must be certified in first aid training and infant/child CPR.
- √ Responsible for overall operation of the family day care home.

Requirements for Substitutes:

- √ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S..
- √ Substitutes for the operator must be 18 years of age.
- √ Prior to caring for children, must be certified in first aid training and infant/child CPR.
- √ Prior to caring for children, must meet additional training requirements.

Capacity Requirements/Ratios

Includes children under 13 years of age related to the caregiver.

- √ A maximum of 4 children age birth to 12 months.
- √ A maximum of 6 children, with no more than 3 children age birth to 12 months of age.
- √ A maximum of 6 preschool children, if older than 12 months of age.
- √ A maximum of 10 children, with no more than 5 preschool children and of those 5, no more than two under 12 months of age.



Additional Requirements

Additional requirements for family day care homes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- √ Staffing Requirements
 - Personnel
 - Substitutes
 - Training
 - Supervision
- √ Health Related Requirements
 - Hazardous materials
 - Play areas
 - Pools
 - Napping/sleeping
 - Hygiene/sanitation
 - First aid/emergency procedures
 - Communicable disease
 - Medication
- √ Health Records
 - Immunization/Physicals
 - Medical Authorization
 - Enrollments
- √ Enforcement

Note: Statutory authority to regulate family day care homes may be found in s. 402.313, Florida Statutes and Chapter 65C-20, Florida Administrative Code.

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