

## Part 5: Large/Group Family Child Care Home Licensing Regulations in 2007

All data in this chapter were compiled from the large/group family child care (FCC) home licensing regulations posted on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education (NRC) Web site at <http://nrckids.org/STATES/states.htm>.

This study only includes information from state child care licensing regulations. In some cases, additional requirements may be in state statutes, administrative codes, or other state laws. However, it is beyond the scope of this study to review all laws that pertain to child care programs.

The data in this chapter cover the following areas:

- Licensing regulations;
- Licensed large/group FCC homes;
- Provider roles and age requirements;
- Provider qualifications and ongoing training requirements;
- Provider hiring requirements;
- Additional provider training requirements;
- Child-staff ratios;
- Supervision of children;
- Care of children; and
- Facility requirements.

### 5.1 Licensing Regulations

#### A. Regulations Summary

The large/group FCC home licensing regulations used for this study are those that were posted on the NRC Web site between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007. Any changes to regulations after that time period are not included in this report.

Table 5.1 shows the dates when large/group FCC home licensing regulations used in this study were last updated according to the regulation documents on the NRC Web site. These years reflect when either a full overhaul of the regulations was done or when only minor edits were made.

Table 5.1: Years of Large/Group FCC Home Regulation Revisions in States										
1985	1990	1994	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
									AK CA IL	
								AL CT NY	MI MS MT	CO FL OH
					GA HI MO UT		AZ IA	PA SC	NH NM	OK OR
			ND NE	IN		MA	NV SD	TN WY	TX VA	RI WV
MN	KS	DE								
1	1	1	2	1	4	1	4	7	10	7

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

## B. Licensing Process

As described in “Part I: Introduction,” this study uses the terms “**licensing**” and “**licensed**” to cover all of the different types of regulatory processes in states. The study defines licensing/licensed as permission from a state that is required to operate a child care facility, which includes meeting specific center or FCC standards. Some states may call their regulatory processes “certification” or “registration.” Table 5.2 shows the terms states use for their regulatory processes for large/group FCC homes. State-by-state data are available in *Table 70: Type of Licensing Process for Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

Twelve states (AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI) do not have the large/group FCC home category in their licensed facilities. Additional information about the types of facilities licensed by states is in “Part 2: State Licensing Programs and Policies.”

Licensing Process	Number of States	State
Licensing	33	AK, AL, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV
Certification	4	AZ, OR, PA, WY
Registration	2	IA, MT

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

## 5.2 Licensed Large/Group FCC Homes

### A. Number of Children Allowed in Large/Group FCC Homes

States often include numbers of children allowed in care in their definitions of large/group FCC homes. For example, many states define large/group FCC homes as the care of 7–12 children. Tables 5.3 and 5.4 show the minimum and maximum number of children allowed in large/group FCC homes. In addition, *Table 71: Number of Children Allowed in Large/Group FCC Homes* in the 50-State Data Tables shows requirements for each state.

Table 5.3 shows the minimum numbers of children allowed in facilities licensed as large/group FCC homes. Seven states do not specify minimum numbers of children in their large/group FCC home definitions.

<b>Table 5.3: Minimum Number of Children Allowed in Large/Group FCC Homes</b>		
<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
4 children	1	IL
5 children	1	AZ
6 children	2	IA, VA
7 children	18	AL, CO, CT, DE, GA, KS*, MA, MI, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, WV
8 children	3	ND, OK, TN
9 children	3	AK, RI, UT
11 children	1	MO
13 children	3	IN, MS, SD
Not specified	7	CA, FL, HI, MN, NE, TX, WY

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*KS has two types of licensed FCC homes. Licensed "day care homes" can care for up to 10 children with 1 adult. The data in this report reflect the requirements for licensed "group day care homes" that can care for up to 12 children with 2 adults.

Table 5.4 shows the maximum numbers of children allowed in large/group FCC homes.

<b>Table 5.4: Maximum Number of Children Allowed in Large/Group FCC Homes</b>		
<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
10 children	2	AZ, MA
12 children	20	AK, AL, CA, CO, CT, FL, HI, KS*, MI, MT, NE, NM, NY, OH, OK, RI, SC, TX, VA, WV
12 children plus additional school-age children (SAC)	6	DE, IA, NV, PA, TN, NH
14 children	1	MN
15 children	1	WY

**Table 5.4: Maximum Number of Children Allowed in Large/Group FCC Homes (con.)**

Number of Children	Number of States	State
16 children	3	IN, OR, UT
16 children plus additional SAC	1	IL
18 children	2	GA, ND
20 children	2	MO, SD
Not specified	1	MS

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\*KS has two types of licensed FCC homes. Licensed "day care homes" are allowed to have a maximum of 10 children younger than 16 years of age. The data in this report reflect the requirements for licensed "group day care homes" that are allowed to have a maximum of 12 children younger than 16 years of age.

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 28 (AK, AL, CA, DE, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MT, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) count providers' children or other children living in homes in the maximum numbers allowed.

## B. Definition of Licensed Large/Group FCC Homes

Large/Group FCC home licensing regulations define home-based facilities that are required to be licensed. An analysis was conducted to determine the common elements that are included in each state's definition of a large/group FCC home. Table 5.5 includes a list of these common elements and the number of states with those elements in their definitions.

**Table 5.5: Elements Included in State Large/Group FCC Home Licensing Definitions**

Definition Element	Number of States	State
Services are provided for less than 24 hours or any part of a 24-hour day	26	AK, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, IL, IN, MA, MN, MS, MT, NE, NH, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WY
Services are provided on an ongoing/regular or scheduled basis	15	AK, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, MA, MN, MT, NE, NV, NY, OR, SD, UT
Services are provided for payment or compensation	14	AK, AL, AZ, DE, FL, GA, IN, MN, MO, NE, NY, OR, UT, WV
FCC provider is the holder of the license	11	CA, FL, IA, MA, MN, ND, NM, OH, OK, OR, VA

<b>Definition Element</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Services are provided in the residence of the provider/licensee	9	AL, AZ, CA, FL, NH, NM, OH, SC, TX
Number of hours services are provided (minimum/maximum)	5	AL, IN, NE, NY, WV

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## 5.3 Provider Roles and Age Requirements

### A. Provider Roles

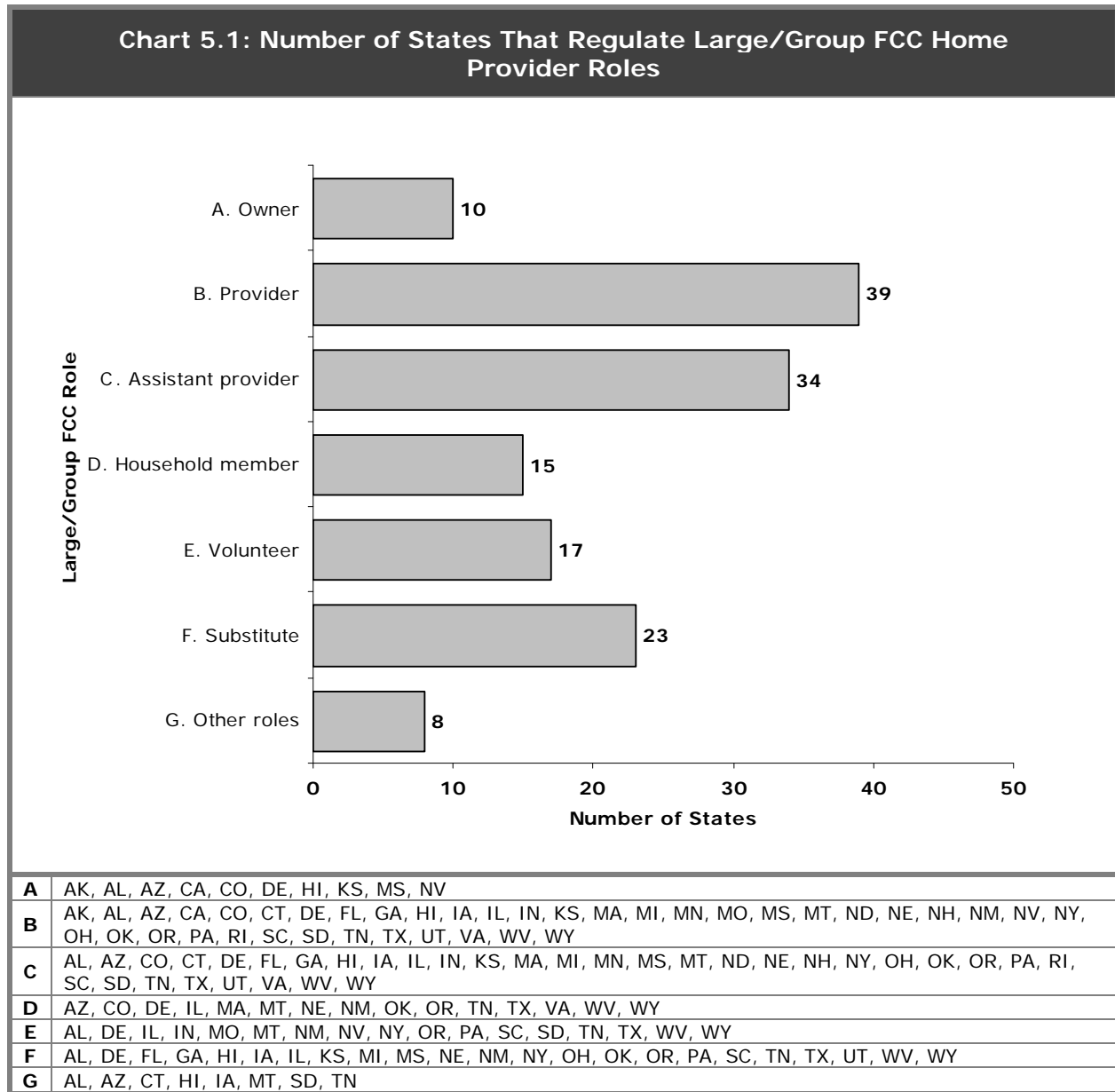
State large/group FCC home licensing regulations include requirements for a variety of adults who have direct contact with children in homes. For the purpose of this study, common generic names are used for each role. As shown in Chart 5.1, all states that license large/group FCC homes include requirements for **providers** in their regulations. For the purposes of this study, a provider is defined as the person who is responsible for the care of the children and the daily operation of the FCC home.

More than three-quarters of states have requirements for **assistant providers**. Close to 40 percent of states have requirements for **members of the provider's household**. These requirements often include criminal background checks.

Many states also have requirements for those who work as **substitutes** and **volunteers** in large/group FCC homes. State-by-state data are available in *Table 72: Large/Group FCC Home Provider Roles Regulated by States in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

#### **Fast Fact**

All states that license large/group FCC homes include requirements for providers in their regulations.



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## B. Minimum Age Requirements

Table 5.6 summarizes states' minimum age requirements for providers and assistant providers, including the range of ages that states reported and the most common age required for each role. In addition, *Table 73: Minimum Age Requirements for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables shows the specific age requirements for providers and assistant providers for all states.

Large/Group FCC Provider Role	Number of States That Regulate Role	Range of Required Age	Most Common Age
Provider	39	16–21	18
Assistant provider	34	13–21	18

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

## 5.4 Provider Qualifications and Ongoing Training Requirements

This section provides a summary of the state preservice and ongoing training requirements for large/group FCC home providers. Table 5.7 shows the number of states that have requirements for providers and assistant providers in the “Role Regulated” column. It also includes the number of states that require a high school diploma or General Educational Development Test (GED), preservice qualifications, and/or ongoing training.

Large/Group FCC Provider Role	Number of States			
	Role Regulated	High School Diploma or GED	Preservice Qualifications	Ongoing Training
Provider	39	17	31	36
Assistant provider	34	9	13	29

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

### A. High School Diploma Requirements

Table 5.8 shows the states that require large/group FCC home providers and assistant providers to have high school diplomas or GEDs prior to working in these roles. State-by-state data about these requirements are available in *Table 74: High School Diploma Requirements for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

#### Terminology

**Preservice qualifications:** Training, education, and/or experience a state requires for providers prior to their assuming roles in large/group FCC homes.

Large/Group FCC Provider Role	Role Regulated	High School Diploma or GED Required	States
Provider	<b>39</b>	17	AL, AZ, CT, IA, IL, MI, MS, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, WY
Assistant provider	<b>34</b>	9	AL, AZ, CT, IA, MS, OH, SC, TX, WY

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## B. Preservice Qualifications

More than three-quarters of the states that license large/group FCC homes have required preservice qualifications for providers as shown in Table 5.9. Thirteen states have preservice qualifications for assistant providers.

Large/Group FCC Provider Role	Role Regulated	Preservice Qualifications Required	States
Provider	<b>39</b>	31	AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MN, MO, MS, ND, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, WV, WY
Assistant provider	<b>34</b>	13	AL, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, MS, NY, PA, SC, WY

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### Fast Fact

Clock hours of training in early care and education is the most common minimum qualification for large/group FCC home providers.

Minimum Provider Preservice Qualifications

Table 5.10 compiles the types of training, education, and experience that represent the least amount people must have to qualify for provider and assistant provider roles.

For the 31 states (AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MN, MO, MS, ND, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, WV, WY) that have minimum qualifications for **providers**, the most common type is early care and education training clock hours (AL, AZ, CA, CO, MA, NM, NV, TN, TX, WV, WY).

For the 13 states (AL, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, MS, NY, PA, SC, WY) that have minimum qualifications for **assistant providers**, the most common type is experience only (GA, IA, NY, SC, WY).

*Table 75: Minimum Preservice Qualifications for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007 in the 50-State Data Tables shows the types of minimum qualifications required in each state for providers and assistant providers.*

Table 5.10: Types of Minimum Preservice Qualifications Required		
Qualification Type	Number of States	
	Provider	Assistant Provider
<b>Role regulated</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Preservice qualifications required</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>
Experience only	7	5
At least 8th grade education	0	1
High school diploma or GED	0	2
Experience (with high school diploma or GED)	3	0
Child care vocational training program	2	0
Early care and education training clock hours	11	4
CDA credential*	6	1
State early childhood credential	1	0
Other minimum qualifications**	1	0

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\*States vary on whether the CDA credential is awarded for college credit. However, state licensing regulations do not specify that large/group FCC home providers are required to complete CDA credentials for college credit.

\*\*"Other minimum qualifications" include observation sessions in licensed facilities.

Types of Training in Qualification Alternatives

Most states with minimum preservice requirements define multiple alternative routes for qualifying for particular roles. For example, a state may require providers to have 6 clock hours of training in early care and education, but can also accept someone who has completed a three-credit, college-level course; completed a CDA credential; or obtained an associate's degree. In short, there are alternative ways an individual can qualify for one role. Information about the number of alternative routes defined by each state is available in *Table 76: Number of Alternative Routes for Preservice Qualifications for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

The types of training, credentials, and degrees that states include in the various qualification alternatives are compiled in Table 5.11. For example, this figure shows that in some states, an individual can qualify to be a large/group FCC home provider with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. This is not the minimum requirement, but one way of qualifying for that role. The highest number of states includes early care and education college credit hours for providers as qualification alternatives. For assistant providers, most states include early care and education training clock hours as qualification alternatives.

Qualification Type	Number of States	
	Provider	Assistant Provider
<b>Role regulated</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Preservice qualifications required</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>
Early care and education training clock hours	17	6
CDA credential	17	3
State credential (total):	5	0
• Director credential	2	0
• Early childhood credential	3	0
Early care and education college credit hours	20	2
Associate's degree (general)	1	2
Associate's degree in field related to early childhood (e.g., education)	1	0

<b>Table 5.11: States That Include Various Types of Training, Credentials, and Degrees in Qualification Alternatives (con.)*</b>		
<b>Qualification Type</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	
	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Assistant Provider</b>
Associate's in early childhood education	9	2
Bachelor's degree (general)	4	1
Bachelor's degree related to early childhood (e.g., education)	5	1
Bachelor's degree in early childhood education	8	1
Bachelor's degree in early childhood or higher	0	0
Master's degree (general)	0	0
Master's degree related to early childhood (e.g., education)	1	0
Master's degree in early childhood education	1	0
Doctorate degree	0	0
State teacher certification/licensure	3	1

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\*Most states have multiple alternative routes for preservice qualifications and have many types of training, credentials, and/or degrees in their qualification alternatives.

### C. Experience Requirements

Twenty-five states (CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MN, MO, MS, ND, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, WV, WY) include requirements for experience within their preservice qualifications for providers, and eight states (CT, GA, HI, IA, MS, NY, PA, WY) have these requirements for assistant providers—either as the qualification itself or in combination with training and/or education. Table 5.12 illustrates state experience requirements. State-by-state data are available in *Table 77: Experience Requirements for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

<b>Table 5.12: States With Requirements for Experience in Preservice Qualifications*</b>		
<b>Experience Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	
	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Assistant Provider</b>
<b>Role regulated</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Preservice qualifications required</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>State has requirements for experience</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>
Experience must be in a specific setting	21	4
Experience must be from working with children	12	4
Experience must be with a specific age group of children	6	1
Experience must be supervised	2	0
Experience as a parent can count to qualify for role	1	1

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\*Some states have multiple requirements for experience in preservice qualifications.

## D. Ongoing Training

Table 5.13 shows the number of states that require ongoing training hours after hire for each large/group FCC home provider role. State-by-state data about the requirements for ongoing training are available in *Table 78: Number of Ongoing Training Hours Required for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

Large/Group FCC Provider Role	Role Regulated	Ongoing Training Required	States
Provider	<b>39</b>	36	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Assistant provider	<b>34</b>	29	AL, AZ, CT, DE, GA, IA, IL, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV, WY

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Tables 5.14 and 5.15 summarize information about the number of required ongoing training hours for large/group FCC home providers and assistant providers.

Qualification Type	Number of States	
	Provider	Assistant Provider
<b>Role regulated</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Ongoing training required</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>
Unspecified number of hours	1	1
1–12 hours	18	20
13–19 hours	13	7
20 or more hours	4	1

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\*Some states require an amount of training over a 2-year period. NCCIC and NARA calculated the required hours of training for these states by dividing the number of hours by two.

Large/Group FCC Provider Role	Number of States That Require Ongoing Hours	Most Common Number of Required Hours	Median Number of Required Hours*	Lowest Number of Required Hours	Highest Number of Required Hours
Provider	<b>36</b>	15	12	5	20
Assistant provider	<b>29</b>	12	12	2	20

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\*The median is the middle value in a list of numbers. This figure includes the middle value compiled from state regulations for the number of training hours required for each role.

Table 5.16 summarizes additional regulations for ongoing training requirements for large/group FCC home providers and assistant providers. Many states have requirements regarding the content and approved delivery methods for ongoing training. Delivery methods include adult education courses, institutions of higher education, vocational programs, audio-visual materials, reading materials, conference workshops, distance learning, and/or in-service training provided by the center director. State-by-state data are available in *Table 79: State Requirements for the Content of Ongoing Training Hours for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

Large/Group FCC Provider Role	Number of States		
	Number of States That Require Ongoing Hours	Specify Content	Specify Approved Delivery Methods
Provider	<b>36</b>	31	16
Assistant provider	<b>29</b>	24	13

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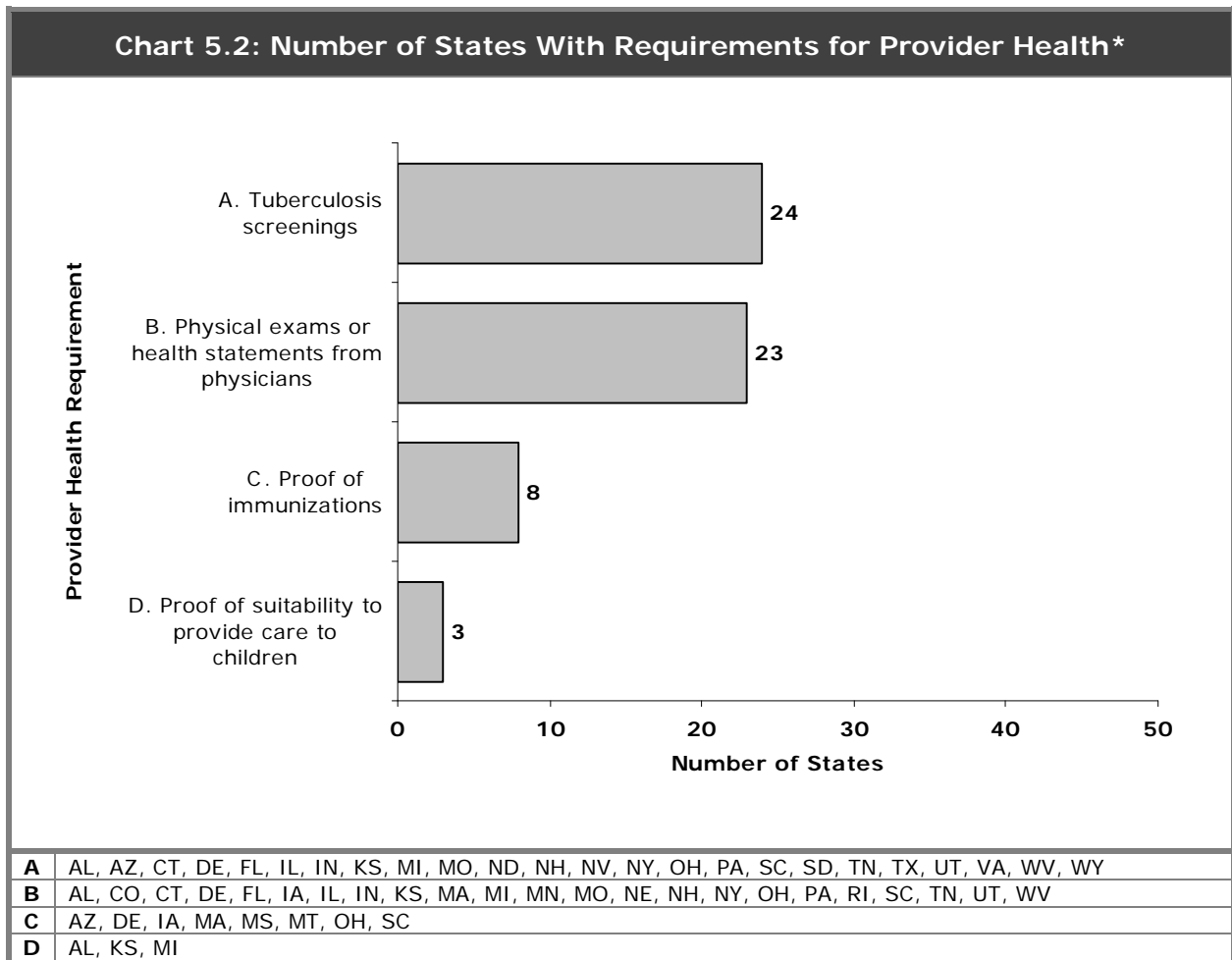
## 5.5 Provider Hiring Requirements

### A. Provider Health Requirements

As shown in Chart 5.2, 32 states (AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NV, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) have large/group FCC home licensing regulations that include requirements for the health of providers, such as requiring a physical exam, a tuberculosis screening, immunizations, or proof of physical or mental suitability to care for children. In addition, 27 states (AL, CO, CT, DE, FL, IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NV, NY, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) require large/group FCC homes to include provider health reports in facility records.

Of the 23 states that require providers to have physical exams or provide health statements, all but one (CO) specify that proof must be submitted at the time of initial licensure or hire.

Sixteen states (AL, CO, CT, IA, IL, MA, MI, NE, NH, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, WV) require physical exams either annually or at some other time interval.



N=32 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, DC, GA, HI, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, NM, OK, OR, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for provider health.

## B. Background Checks

The data about background checks were compiled from state child care licensing agency responses to *The 2007 NARA Child Care Licensing Program Survey*.

### Types of Required Background Checks

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all require large/group FCC home providers to undergo at least one type of criminal background check, either a check of criminal history records, child abuse and neglect registries, fingerprints, and/or sex offender registries. Twenty-six states (AK, AL, AZ, DE, FL, HI, IL, KS, MA, MS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV) require large/group FCC home providers to sign statements about criminal status.

#### Fast Fact

Most states require large/group FCC home providers to undergo at least one type of background check **prior to caring for children**.

Table 5.17 provides additional details about criminal background check requirements for large/group FCC home providers. The requirements for each state are available in *Table 80: Criminal Background Check Requirements for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

Background Check Requirement	Number of States	State
<b>State requires background checks</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
<b>State requires check of criminal history records</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State criminal history record check required</li> </ul>	36	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal criminal history record check required</li> </ul>	21	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, MN, MS, NM, NV, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, WV
<b>State requires check of child abuse and neglect registries</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>AK, AL, CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>

<b>Table 5.17: States With Requirements for Criminal Background Checks (con.)*</b>		
<b>Background Check Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State requires check of fingerprint records</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, MI, MS, MT, NM, NV, NY, OH, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, WV</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State fingerprint record check required</li> </ul>	18	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, MS, NM, NV, NY, SC, SD, TN, WV
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal fingerprint record check required</li> </ul>	19	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, MI, MS, NM, NV, RI, SC, TN, WV
<b>State requires check of sex offender registries</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>AK, CA, IA, IL, IN, MI, MS, ND, OK, SC, TX, WV</b>

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\*Some states have multiple requirements for background checks.

Frequency of Background Checks

Table 5.18 shows how often large/group FCC providers must undergo criminal background checks. Most of the states that license large/group FCC homes require providers to have background checks prior to becoming providers. Some states require additional checks on a regular basis. State-by-state data are available in *Table 81: Frequency of Criminal Background Checks for Large/Group FCC Home Providers in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

<b>Table 5.18: Frequency of Criminal Background Checks*</b>		
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Prior to becoming a large/group FCC home provider	33	AK, AL, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Annually	6	HI, IN, MT, ND, RI, UT
Every 2 years	5	AK, IA, MO, OR, TX
Every 3 years	4	KS, MA, NH, VA
Every 4 years	0	
Every 5 years	2	FL, MS

Frequency	Number of States	State
Less than every 5 years	3	AZ, NV, WV
Other frequency	11	AL, AZ, CA, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, TN

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\*Some states have multiple requirements for the frequency of background checks.

### Portability of Background Checks

Table 5.19 shows state policies on whether background checks can be transferred or new checks are conducted when FCC providers change jobs, move to other facilities, or have breaks in employment. In most states, checks are not portable, and new background checks are conducted.

Policy	Number of States	State
<b>State has policies about the portability of background checks</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY</b>
New background check is conducted	22	AK, CO, CT, DE, FL, IA, MA, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, OH, OK, RI, SD, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY
Current background check is portable and moves with the individual	6	AZ, CA, FL, IL, MS, OR
Other policy	12	AL, GA, HI, IN, KS, MI, MO, NM, NV, NY, PA, SC

N=38 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VA, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for the portability of background checks.

### C. References

A total of 18 states (AK, AL, AZ, DE, GA, IL, MA, MO, MT, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, WV, WY) require references from providers at initial licensure or when hired, as shown in Table 5.20. In addition, regulations specify that references must be obtained in written and/or verbal form for large/group FCC home providers in nine states (AK, AL, DE, GA, IL, OH, PA, SD, WV).

Table 5.20: States That Require References for Hiring Large/Group FCC Home Providers	
Reference Requirement	Number of States
<b>References are required</b>	<b>18</b>
References must be from certain people (total)*:	15
• Nonrelatives	11
• Professional acquaintances	0
• Previous employers	2
• Not specified	3

N=18 states, excluding AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OR, RI, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states require references to be from more than one type of person.

## 5.6 Additional Provider Training Requirements

### A. Orientation Training

As shown in Table 5.21, more than 60 percent of the states that license large/group FCC homes require providers to complete some type of orientation training. States' requirements often specify that the training must be about large/group FCC home policies and procedures and/or state licensing requirements. In addition, nine states (IL, NV, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, WV, WY) require large/group FCC home providers to offer orientation training to new employees and volunteers.

<b>Orientation Training Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Large/Group FCC home providers required to complete orientation training</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>AK, AZ, CA, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, MA, MI, MS, MT, NE, NV, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, WV, WY</b>
Required training is about state licensing regulations	15	AK, AZ, CA, DE, GA, IL, MS, NE, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, WV, WY
Required training is about large/group FCC home's policies and procedures	10	AK, DE, GA, NV, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT

N=23 states, excluding AL, AR, CO, CT, DC, IA, ID, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, MO, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of orientation training.

## **B. Health and Safety Training**

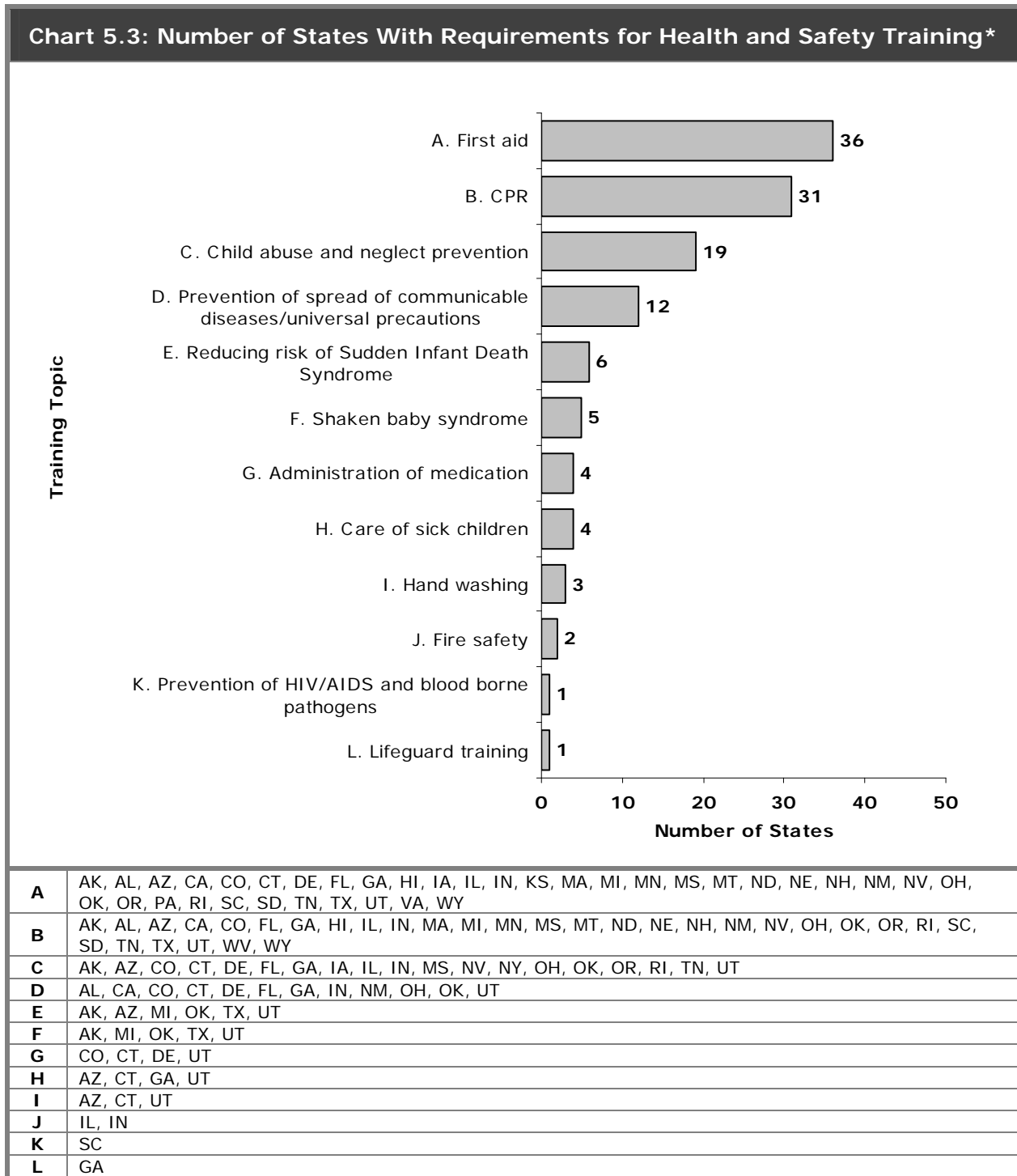
Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all require providers to complete health and safety training, with most requiring CPR and first aid training.

Of the 31 states that require CPR training, 24 (AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, MI, MN, MT, NH, NV, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, WY) specify that it must focus on the care of infants and/or children. Twenty-eight states (AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, IL, MA, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NV, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, WV, WY) specify that large/group FCC home providers must have current CPR certifications.

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all but 3 states (MO, NY, WV) require first aid training. However, only 11 states (AZ, CA, CO, DE, GA, IA, MN, SC, TN, UT, VA) specify that it must focus on the care of infants and/or children. In addition, state regulations specify that large/group FCC home providers must have current certifications in first aid in 28 states (AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, UT, VA, WY).

In nine states (DE, GA, MA, MI, OK, RI, SD, WV, WY), assistant providers in large/group FCC homes are required to complete first aid and/or CPR training.

Chart 5.3 shows the states that require first aid and CPR training and information about required training regarding other health and safety topics, including prevention of the spread of communicable diseases, administration of medication, water safety, hand washing, and others.



N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI  
 \*Some states require multiple types of health and safety training.

## 5.7 Child-Staff Ratios

For child care centers, all states have requirements for child-staff ratios, which is the number of children one staff member is allowed to supervise. Child-staff ratio requirements are based on the ages of children in care. For large/group FCC homes, states have child-staff ratio requirements, however not all states base these requirements on ages of children, because home providers typically care for mixed-age groups.

There is great variability in these requirements across states, which makes it difficult to summarize these requirements. Some states have child-staff ratios for entire groups of children (e.g., 6:1 or 8:1), while other states have ratios based on the ages of children in the group. For example, a state may require a child-staff ratio of 4:1 for children younger than 3 years and a ratio of 10:1 for children age 3 years and older. Each state's requirements are in *Table 82: Large/Group FCC Home Child-Staff Ratio Requirements in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

## 5.8 Supervision of Children

### A. General Supervision Requirements

As shown in Table 5.22 all states that license large/group FCC homes have requirements in their regulations for providers supervising children. Among those states, most have requirements about the use of substitutes if providers are absent from homes for periods of time. In addition, some specify that providers must be able to see and/or hear children at all times or must be alert/awake while children are in care. A few states require providers to be on the same floors as children or be free of other duties.

<b>Supervision Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for supervising children</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Requirements about the use of substitutes during providers' absence	26	AL, CA, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, NE, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Providers must be able to see children at all times	11	AK, AZ, HI, MA, MN, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, WY
Providers must be able to hear children at all times	10	AK, AZ, HI, MA, MN, OH, OR, PA, TX, WY
Providers must be alert/awake	4	AK, IL, MI, RI

<b>Supervision Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Providers must be on the same floors as children	3	AK, MA, OR
Providers must be free of other duties	1	AL

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements regarding supervision, some of which are not included in this table.

In addition to the requirements summarized in Table 5.22, states have the following requirements related to the supervision of children:

- Nineteen states (AK, AZ, CO, CT, DE, MA, MO, MT, ND, NH, NV, NY, OH, OK, SC, TX, VA, WV, WY) do not allow large/group FCC providers to leave children unattended in infant seats, playpens, or cribs while they are awake;
- Seven states (AK, MA, MN, NH, NY, WV, WY) have requirements specifically for the supervision of school-age children;
- Four states (AK, CO, GA, NV) have requirements related to the supervision of children during emergencies; and
- One state (NY) has requirements related to the use of video surveillance cameras for parents to view their children while at FCC homes.

## **B. Supervision During Specific Times/Activities**

All but one (CA) of the states that license large/group FCC homes have requirements for the supervision of children during specific times, such as naptime or care during evening/overnight hours, or during certain activities, such as outdoor play, when children are in vehicles, and field trips. Table 5.23 presents an overview of the number of states that have requirements for the supervision of children during these various time periods and activities.

*Table 83: Supervision Requirements for Times/Activities in Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables provides state-by-state information about the data presented in Table 5.23. The next sections provide further details about states' supervision requirements.

<b>Table 5.23: States With Supervision Requirements for Specific Times/Activities*</b>		
<b>Time/Activity</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has supervision requirements for specific time/activity</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Transportation in vehicles	35	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Swimming/Water activities	30	AL, AZ, DE, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Field trips	28	AK, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, NH, NM, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Evening/Overnight care	22	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, GA, HI, IL, MA, MI, MO, MT, NE, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, WV, WY
Outdoor play	17	AK, AL, AZ, FL, IL, KS, MA, MN, MO, MT, NY, OH, OK, SC, TX, UT, WV
Naptime	13	AK, CO, FL, GA, MA, NV, NY, OH, RI, SC, TX, UT, WY

N=38 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have supervision requirements for multiple times/activities.

Naptime

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 13 have requirements in their regulations for the supervision of children during naptimes. Table 5.24 provides an overview of the states that have specific types of requirements for the supervision of napping children.

<b>Table 5.24: States With Requirements for Supervision During Naptime*</b>		
<b>Supervision Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for the supervision of children during naptime</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>AK, CO, FL, GA, MA, NV, NY, OH, RI, SC, TX, UT, WY</b>
Providers must be able to see napping children	5	AK, NV, OH, TX, WY
Baby monitors may be used under certain conditions	4	AK, CO, MA, NY
Providers must be on the same floors where children are napping	3	AK, NY, RI
Room doors must be ajar or open	3	FL, MA, NY
Providers must be able to hear napping children	2	AK, NV
Providers must observe napping children in certain time intervals	2	MA, NV

N=13 states, excluding AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DC, DE, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for supervision during naptime.

Evening/Overnight Care

Twenty-two states have requirements in their large/group FCC home regulations for the supervision of children during evening/overnight care. Table 5.25 provides an overview of the number of states that have specific types of requirements for the supervision of children during evening hours. See “5.9 Care of Children” for additional requirements for evening/overnight care.

<b>Table 5.25: States With Requirements for Supervision During Evening/Overnight Care*</b>		
<b>Supervision Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for the supervision of children during evening/overnight care</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, GA, HI, IL, MA, MI, MO, MT, NE, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, WV, WY</b>
Requirements about whether the provider must be awake when children are in overnight care (total):	16	AZ, CO, CT, IL, MA, MI, NE, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TX, WV, WY
• Providers must be awake until the children are asleep	5	AZ, MA, NE, OH, TX
• Providers must be awake at all times	2	CT, SD
• Other requirements regarding providers being awake	9	CO, IL, MI, NY, OK, OR, PA, WV, WY
Providers must be able to hear sleeping children	7	AZ, HI, IL, MO, MT, NE, WY
Providers must be able to see sleeping children	1	OH

N=22 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, DE, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, MS, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NV, RI, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for supervision during evening/overnight care.

Outdoor Play

Seventeen states have requirements in their large/group FCC home regulations for the supervision of children during outdoor play. Table 5.26 provides an overview of the number of states that have specific types of requirements for the supervision of children playing outdoors.

<b>Supervision Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for the supervision of children during outdoor play</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, FL, IL, KS, MA, MN, MO, MT, NY, OH, OK, SC, TX, UT, WV</b>
Providers must be present outdoors with children	4	IL, MA, OH, SC
Providers must be able to see children playing outdoors	2	AZ, OH
Requirements specifically for the supervision of school-age children playing outdoors	2	MA, MO

N=17 states, excluding AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, GA, HI, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for supervision during outdoor play.

Swimming/Water Activities

As shown in Table 5.27, 30 states have requirements for the supervision of children during swimming or water activities. More than half of those states require large/group FCC homes to obtain written permission from parents to take children swimming.

<b>Supervision Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for the supervision of children when swimming or participating in water activities</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>AL, AZ, DE, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Written permission from parents required for swimming and water activities	17	AL, AZ, GA, IA, IL, MI, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, WV, WY

**Table 5.27: States With Requirements for Supervision During Swimming/Water Activities (con.) \***

Supervision Requirement	Number of States	State
Specific child-staff ratio requirements for swimming and water activities	17	AL, DE, GA, KS, MI, MS, MT, NE, NH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WY
Providers must be present with children when swimming or participating in water activities	14	IA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MO, MT, NE, NH, OK, OR, UT, VA, WY

N=30 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, NC, NJ, NV, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for supervision during swimming and water activities.

### Transporting Children in Vehicles

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all but four (CA, HI, IA, SD) have requirements for the supervision of children traveling in vehicles. As shown in Table 5.28, most states require large/group FCC homes to obtain written permission from parents and/or specify that children must not be left unattended in vehicles. See "5.10 Facility Requirements" for additional requirements for transportation.

**Table 5.28: States With Requirements for Supervision of Children Traveling in Vehicles \***

Supervision Requirement	Number of States	State
<b>State has requirements for the supervision of children when transported in vehicles</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Children must not be left unattended in vehicles	27	AL, AZ, CO, DE, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY
Written permission from parents required for transporting children	24	AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, VA, WY
Providers must supervise children when they board and exit vehicles	15	AZ, CO, GA, IL, MO, MS, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX
Specific child-staff ratio requirements for transporting children in vehicles	15	CO, GA, IL, KS, MO, MS, ND, NE, NV, OH, PA, SC, TN, TX, WY
Emergency contact information for children must be taken on vehicles	13	AZ, DE, GA, MI, MO, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, VA, WV, WY

**Table 5.28: States With Requirements for Supervision of Children Traveling in Vehicles (con.)\***

Supervision Requirement	Number of States	State
Providers or drivers must ensure that children are received by parents or other designated people	11	AK, AL, CO, GA, IL, MO, MS, MT, NV, OR, TN
Attendance records of children being transported must be kept	7	AL, FL, GA, MO, OK, TN, TX
Additional checks for children remaining on board must be conducted once vehicles are unloaded	3	FL, MO, TN

N=35 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, HI, IA, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for supervision of children traveling in vehicles.

### Field Trips

Twenty-eight states have requirements in their large/group FCC home regulations for the supervision of children during field trips. Table 5.29 provides an overview of the number of states that have specific types of requirements for the supervision of children during field trips. Most states require centers to obtain written permission from parents.

**Table 5.29: States With Requirements for Supervision During Field Trips\***

Supervision Requirement	Number of States	State
<b>State has requirements for the supervision of children during field trips</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>AK, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, NH, NM, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Written permission from parents required for field trips	27	AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, NH, NM, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Emergency contact information for children must be taken on field trips	10	AZ, FL, GA, MI, NH, OH, PA, SC, TX, UT
Specific child-staff ratio requirements for field trips	8	DE, FL, HI, NH, OH, PA, TN, TX

<b>Supervision Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Attendance records of children on field trips must be kept	6	AZ, DE, MO, NH, OH, TX
Children are required to wear name tags or other identification	5	AZ, DE, GA, OH, TX

N=28 states, excluding AL, AR, CA, CO, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NV, NY, OK, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for supervision during field trips.

## 5.9 Care of Children

### A. Health Requirements

#### Physical Exams and/or Health Statements

More than half the states require that children have physical exams or provide health statements prior to enrolling in large/group FCC homes, as shown in Table 5.30. Also, almost half of states require large/group FCC homes to keep records of children’s physicals.

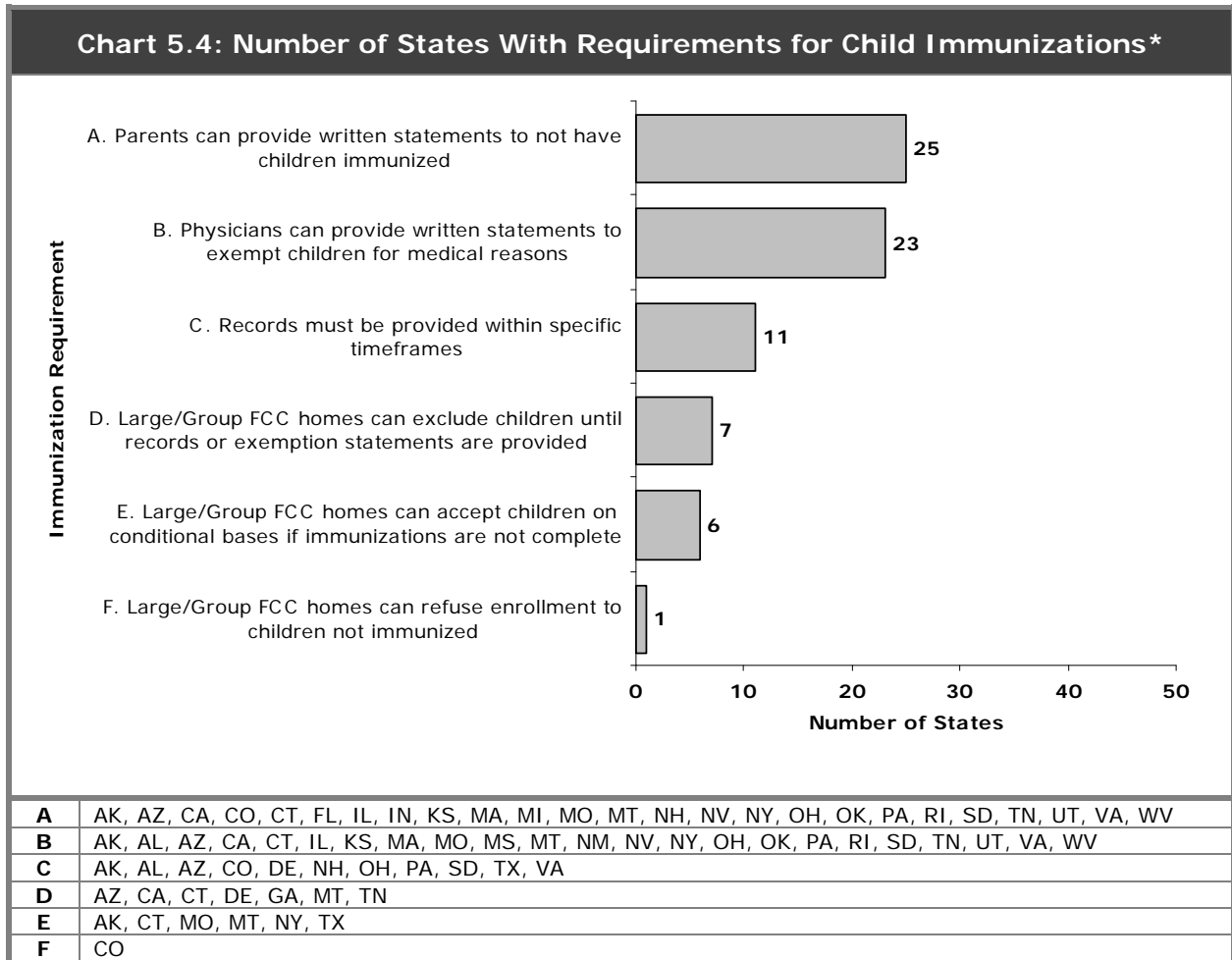
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Children required to have physical exams or provide health statements to enroll in large/group FCC homes	24	CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, ND, NH, NV, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TX, UT, VA, WV
Large/Group FCC homes required to keep records of children’s physical exams or health statements	16	CO, CT, DE, FL, IA, IL, MA, MI, ND, NH, NV, OH, RI, SC, UT, WV
Health records must be provided to large/group FCC homes within specific time periods	14	CO, DE, FL, IA, IL, IN, MA, NH, NV, OH, PA, TX, VA, WV

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for physical exams and/or health statements for children.

Immunizations

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all require children to be immunized. As shown in Chart 5.4, most states allow exemptions from immunization requirements if written statements are provided to large/group FCC homes from either parents stating they do not wish their children to be immunized or from physicians stating that children are exempt from immunizations for medical reasons.



N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for immunizations.

Additional Health Requirements

Five states (DE, IL, MA, NY, RI) require children to have a blood lead level screenings prior to enrolling in large/group FCC homes. Also, 27 states (AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, MA, MN, MO, MT, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, WV, WY) require large/group FCC homes to keep emergency contact information in children's records.

## B. Nutrition

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all but one (CA) have requirements about nutrition for children. As shown in Table 5.31, most states also have requirements for the nutritional content of meals and snacks, feeding infants, and specify a number of or time interval between meals/snacks served to children. Some states require large/group FCC homes to post menus. More than two-thirds of the states allow parents to provide food for meals or snacks, and only a few states require that large/group FCC homes provide all food served to children.

Table 5.31: States With Requirements for Nutrition for Children*		
Requirement	Number of States	State
State has requirements about nutrition and meals/snacks for children	38	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Requirements for the nutritional content of meals/snacks served to children	36	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Requirements for feeding infants	33	AK, AL, AZ, CO, DE, GA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Requirements include a number of or time interval between meals/snacks served to children	32	AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Parents/Guardians allowed to provide food for their own children	27	AK, AZ, CT, DE, GA, HI, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, ND, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Large/Group FCC homes required to provide supplemental food (to what parents provide) to meet nutritional content requirements	13	AZ, GA, HI, IL, MA, ND, NH, NY, OH, OR, SC, VA, WV
Large/Group FCC homes required to post menus of meals/snacks served to children	13	AZ, CT, GA, NM, NV, OH, OK, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV
Large/Group FCC homes required to provide all meals/snacks for children	5	AL, MO, MS, OK, TN
Parents/Guardians allowed to bring food for all children for special occasions	1	MS

N=38 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for nutrition.

### C. Behavior Guidance and Discipline

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all have requirements in their large/group FCC home licensing regulations related to behavior guidance and/or discipline. Sixteen states (AK, CT, DE, FL, IN, KS, MI, MT, ND, NM, NY, OH, OR, RI, WV, WY) require large/group FCC homes to have written policies about behavior guidance and/or discipline. As seen in Table 5.32, most states' regulations specify types of behavior guidance and/or discipline that large/group FCC homes are allowed to use. Approximately half allow children to be separated from groups if they are supervised.

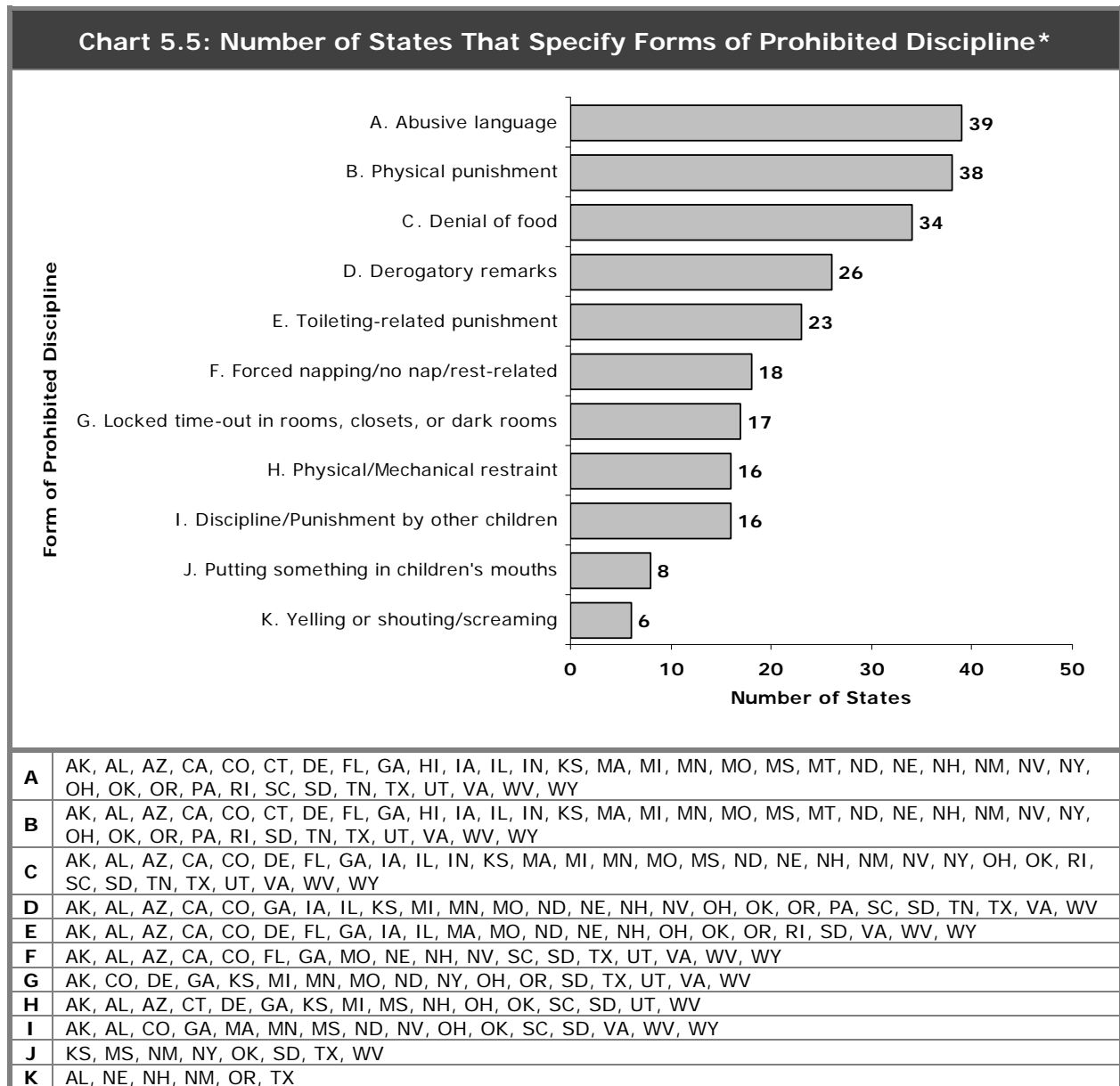
Table 5.32: States That Specify Forms of Discipline Allowed*		
Form of Discipline	Number of States	State
State has requirements for behavior guidance and/or discipline	39	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Regulations specify types of discipline that are allowed for use with children	30	AK, AZ, CO, CT, DE, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervised separation from groups</li> </ul>	23	AK, AZ, CO, DE, IL, MA, MN, MO, MS, ND, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, RI, SC, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporal punishment</li> </ul>	1	SC**

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for the types of allowed discipline.

\*\*Corporal punishment can be used in SC only if authorized in writing by parents/guardians.

In their regulations, all states that license large/group FCC homes specify forms of behavior guidance and/or discipline that are **not** allowed. Chart 5.5 shows the different types of discipline prohibited in states.



N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states specify multiple forms of prohibited discipline.

## D. Activities and Equipment/Materials

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all but six states (CA, NE, RI, SD, UT, WY) have requirements in their regulations that address the daily activities homes must provide for children. These requirements help facilities establish learning environments by specifying that activities must meet children’s developmental needs. State regulations also often include lists of required equipment and materials needed for children. *Table: 84: Requirements for Activities and Equipment/Materials in Large/Group FCC Homes for Children in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables provides state-by-state data about these requirements for large/group FCC homes.

### Schedule of Activities

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 13 (AL, CT, FL, GA, MO, MT, ND, NM, OH, OR, PA, RI, TN) require homes to have written daily schedules of activities. Of those, eight states (AL, CT, FL, GA, NM, OH, PA, TN) require large FCC homes to post daily schedules in facilities.

#### Fast Facts

- Nearly all states specify types of activities that large/group FCC homes must include for children in the daily schedules.
- More than half of states that license large/group FCC homes specify that the developmental needs of children must be addressed in the activities provided.

### Types of Required Activities

Table 5.33 summarizes the types of activities large/group FCC homes are required to have in daily schedules for children.

Type of Activity	Number of States	State
State has requirements for activities for children	34	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV
Outdoor play	31	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV
Nap or rest period	27	AK, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NM, NV, NY, OK, OR, RI, SC, TX, VA, WV
Active play	23	AK, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NV, NY, OH, OR, RI, TX, VA, WV

Table 5.33: States With Requirements for Activities (con.)*		
Type of Activity	Number of States	State
Quiet play	23	AK, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NY, OH, OR, RI, TX, VA, WV
Regular meal/snack times	21	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MO, MS, NH, NM, NY, OK, OR, RI, TX, WV
Indoor play	20	AK, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, ND, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, TX, VA, WV
Large group activities	12	AK, CO, CT, DE, GA, MA, MI, MO, NH, OR, TX, WV
Creative expression	12	AZ, CT, GA, MA, MI, MN, MT, NH, OH, OR, TX, WV
Gross motor activities	10	CT, GA, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, OH, OR, TX
Provider-initiated activities	10	CT, DE, GA, MA, MN, RI, TN, TX, VA, WV
Child-initiated activities	10	CT, DE, HI, MA, MN, RI, TN, TX, VA, WV
Free play	9	DE, GA, HI, MO, MT, OR, PA, VA, WV
Fine motor activities	8	CT, GA, IA, IL, MI, MN, OR, TX
Toileting and washing/hand washing	8	AK, CT, GA, IL, MO, OR, RI, WV
Small group activities	2	GA, MT

N=34 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NE, NJ, SD, UT, VT, WA, WI, WY

\*Some states require multiple types of activities for children.

Child Developmental Domains Addressed in Activities

Table 5.34 shows that most of the states that require large/group FCC homes to address the developmental needs of children during activities require homes to address social, physical, language/literacy, cognitive/intellectual, and emotional development. One-third of these states require large/group FCC homes to address cultural development. State-by-state data are available in *Table 85: Developmental Domains Addressed in Required Activities in Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

<b>Table 5.34: States That Address Developmental Domains in Required Activities*</b>		
<b>Developmental Domain</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State requirements address child development in activities</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>AK, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MT, ND, NH, NV, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV</b>
Emotional development	18	AK, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MT, ND, NV, NY, PA, TX, VA, WV
Physical development	17	AK, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, MA, MI, MN, MT, ND, NV, NY, PA, TX, VA, WV
Cognitive/Intellectual development	16	AK, CT, DE, FL, HI, MA, MI, MN, MT, ND, NV, NY, PA, TX, VA, WV
Language/Literacy development	16	AK, CT, DE, GA, HI, MA, MI, MN, ND, NH, NV, NY, OH, PA, TX, WV
Social development	15	AK, DE, FL, HI, IL, MA, MN, MT, ND, NV, NY, PA, TX, VA, WV
Cultural development	8	CT, HI, MA, ND, NV, NY, PA, RI

N=25 states, excluding AL, AR, AZ, CA, DC, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NM, OK, OR, SD, UT, VT, WA, WI, WY

\*Some states address multiple developmental domains in their requirements.

As shown in Table 5.35, some state regulations also include lists of specific activities large/group FCC homes should provide to meet each of the developmental needs.

<b>Table 5.35: States That List Specific Activities Large/Group Homes Must Provide to Address Developmental Domains*</b>		
<b>Developmental Domain</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State requirements address child development in activities</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>AK, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MT, ND, NH, NV, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV</b>
<b>State lists specific activities to address developmental domains</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AK, CT, GA, HI, MA, MN, TX</b>
Physical development	6	AK, CT, HI, MA, MN, TX
Cognitive/Intellectual development	6	AK, CT, HI, MA, MN, TX
Language/Literacy development	6	AK, CT, GA, MA, MN, TX
Social development	5	AK, HI, MA, MN, TX
Emotional development	5	CT, HI, MA, MN, TX
Cultural development	1	HI

N=25 states, excluding AL, AR, AZ, CA, DC, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NM, OK, OR, SD, UT, VT, WA, WI, WY

\*Some states list multiple specific activities to address developmental domains.

Equipment and Materials

Table 5.36 shows the types of equipment and materials large/group FCC homes are required to have for children.

<b>Table 5.36: States With Requirements for Equipment and Materials*</b>		
<b>Equipment/Material Type</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for the types of equipment/materials large/group FCC homes must have for children</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, GA, HI, IL, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, TN, TX, WV</b>
Fine motor/manipulatives	16	AK, AL, AZ, CO, GA, HI, MA, MI, MO, MS, OH, OK, PA, RI, TX, WV
Books and other literacy materials	16	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, GA, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, OH, OK, RI, TX, WV
Dramatic play/pretend materials	15	AL, AZ, CO, GA, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, OH, OK, PA, RI, TX, WV
Art supplies/creative activities	15	AL, AZ, CO, GA, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, OH, OK, PA, RI, TX, WV
Gross motor equipment (indoor and/or outdoor)	14	AL, AZ, CO, GA, HI, MA, MI, MO, MS, OH, OK, PA, RI, TX
Music materials	12	AL, AZ, CO, GA, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, OH, OK, RI
Science/Experimental/Math (counting/sorting) materials	7	AL, AZ, CO, GA, MO, OH, WV
Sensory materials	6	AL, MO, MS, OH, PA, TX

N=23 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, DE, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NV, OR, SC, SD, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY

\*Some states require multiple types of equipment and materials.

In addition to the equipment and materials included in Table 5.36, the following four states have requirements regarding the number and/or type of books that large/group FCC homes must have.

- **AK:** Large/Group FCC homes must have a minimum of five developmentally appropriate books per child in care.
- **AL:** Large/Group FCC homes must have books that are age-appropriate.

- **MS:** Books must be on shelves and tables for children to look at and read. Every child shall have age-appropriate materials (including picture books) read to and discussed with him or her every day. When appropriate, the materials should cover topics with which the children are involved.
- **WV:** Large/Group FCC homes must ensure that age-appropriate books are read on a daily basis to children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years of age.

## E. Parent Involvement

Four states (CT, NM, PA, WV) have requirements for large/group FCC homes regarding parent involvement. Two states (NM, PA) require large/group FCC homes to provide opportunities for parents to be involved in activities, and one state (WV) requires homes to encourage parent involvement.

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 34 (AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV, WY) require large/group FCC homes to provide parents with access to facilities at all times, allowing parents to visit without giving prior notice.

As shown in Table 5.37, most states have requirements regarding communication between large/group FCC home providers and the parents of children in care. These requirements include providing written policies and procedures to parents, keeping logs of children's care, and having regular meetings with parents.

Table 5.37: States With Requirements for Parent Communication*		
Requirement	Number of States	State
State has requirements for large/group FCC homes' communication with parents	29	AK, AL, CA, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV, WY
Large/Group FCC homes must provide written copies of policies and procedures to parents	26	AK, AL, CA, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV, WY
Large/Group FCC homes must keep logs of children's care and communicate with parents	2	MS, RI
Large/Group FCC homes must hold regularly scheduled meetings with parents	1	HI
Large/Group FCC homes must have resource areas for parents	1	RI

N=29 states, excluding AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, GA, IA, ID, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, ND, NE, NJ, SD, UT, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for communication with parents.

## F. Specialized Care of Children

Within large/group FCC home licensing regulations, there are requirements for specialized types of care for children, such as infant and toddler care, school-age care, and evening/overnight care. Table 5.38 shows whether states have requirements in their large/group FCC home regulations that address these common types of specialized care. It also shows the types of requirements states have for specialized care. For example, many states have requirements for activities that pertain just to infant and toddler care or school-age care. In addition, several states have specific facility requirements for these different types of care.

<b>Table 5.38: States With Requirements for Types of Specialized Care*</b>			
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>		
	<b>Infant and Toddler Care</b>	<b>School-Age Care</b>	<b>Evening/Overnight Care</b>
<b>State has requirements for specialized care</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Types of requirements for specialized care</b>			
Supervision of children	8	4	22
Activities for children	27	10	19
Materials/Equipment	28	6	24
Facility	11	2	18

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for specialized care.

*Table 86: States With Requirements for Specialized Child Care in Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables includes state-by-state data about whether states have requirements for specialized care.

### Additional Requirements for Infant and Toddler Care

Large/Group FCC home regulations generally have more requirements for infant and toddler care than the other types of specialized care listed in Table 5.38. Six states (AK, DE, MO, MT, NM, NV) require a consistent primary caregiver be assigned to each child in that age group.

#### **Fast Fact**

Approximately half of states that license large/group FCC homes require infants to be placed on their backs to sleep.

SIDS Risk Reduction

States differ in their requirements to place infants on their backs to sleep. This sleep position has been proven to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in infants.<sup>1</sup> Table 5.39 shows state requirements related to the prevention of SIDS.

*Table 87: Requirements for Reducing Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables includes additional information about these requirements.

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Infants must be placed on their backs to sleep	20	AK, AL, AZ, FL, GA, IA, IL, MI, MS, MT, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, TX, UT, WV, WY
Physicians may authorize different sleep positions for infants	18	AK, AL, AZ, FL, GA, IA, IL, MI, MS, MT, NY, OH, OK, RI, SC, TX, WV, WY
Soft bedding/materials must not be used in cribs	11	AK, AL, AZ, GA, IL, MI, MT, NE, SC, TX, WV
Providers required to complete training about SIDS prevention	6	AK, AZ, MI, OK, TX, UT
Providers must check on sleeping infants	3	MI, RI, TN
Parents may authorize different sleep positions for infants	1	RI

N=39 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for the prevention of SIDS.

## 5.10 Facility Requirements

### A. Zoning

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 13 (AL, CO, CT, GA, HI, MN, MO, NH, NM, OR, RI, TN, WY) specify in their licensing regulations that large/group FCC homes must comply with local zoning ordinances.

<sup>1</sup> Task Force on Infant Sleep Position and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, American Academy of Pediatrics. (2000). Changing concepts of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Implications for infant sleeping environment and sleep position. *Pediatrics*, 105(3), 650–656.

## B. Environmental Tests and Health Inspections

### Environmental Tests

Eighteen states (CT, IA, MA, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, UT, VA) require large/group FCC homes to conduct environmental tests for substances such as lead paint, lead in water, asbestos, and radon.

#### Note

The information in this study only includes data from large/group FCC home licensing regulations and state child care licensing agency responses to a survey. There may be other state laws that require large/group FCC homes to have environmental tests and inspections.

### Environmental Health Inspections

The following data about environmental inspections were compiled from state child care licensing agency responses to *The 2007 NARA Child Care Licensing Program Survey*.

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 17 require large/group FCC homes to have environmental health inspections. Table 5.40 shows how often homes must have inspections. The most common frequency is once a year. State-by-state data are available in *Table 88: Frequency of Environmental Health Inspections of Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

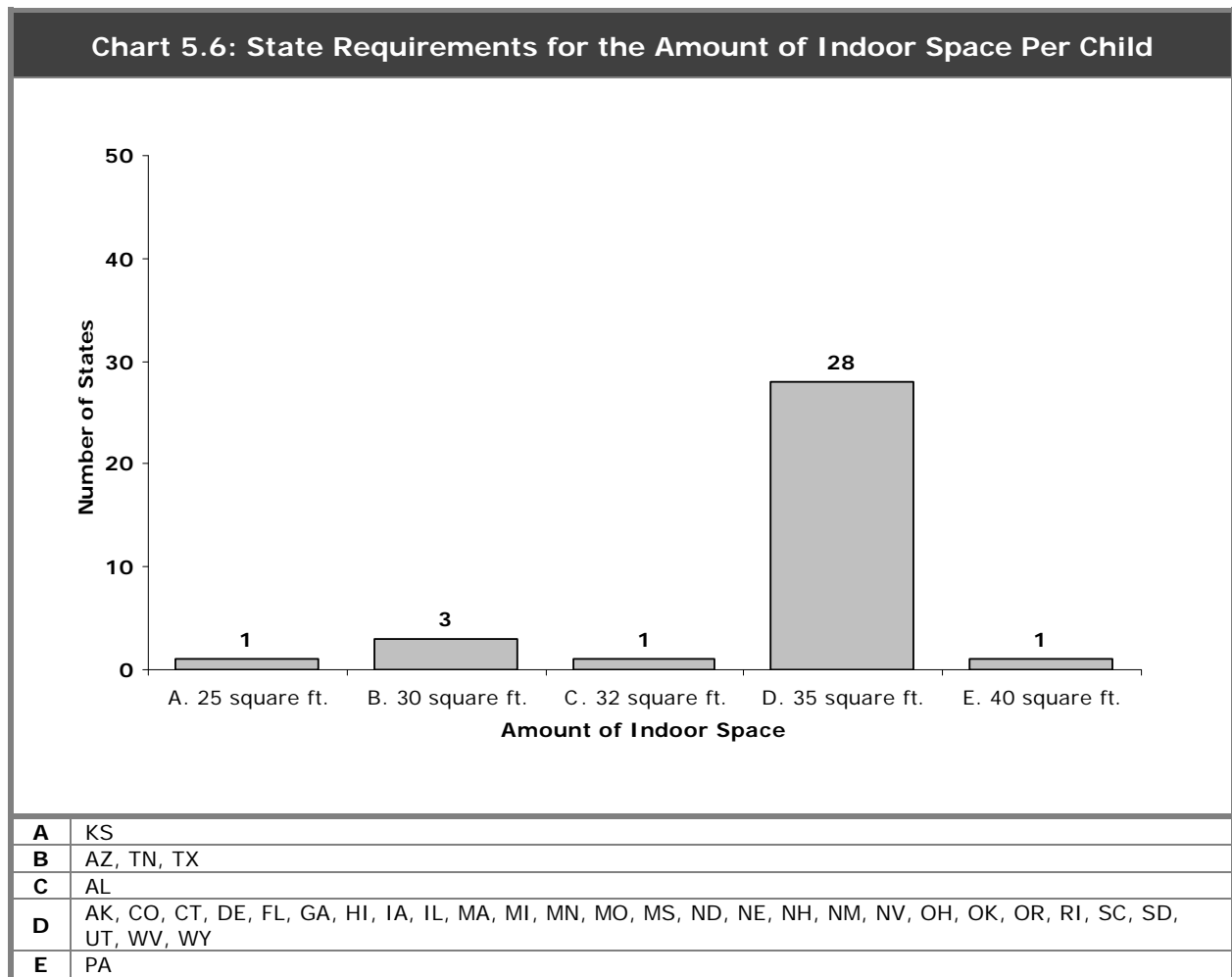
Requirement	Number of States	State
<b>Environmental health inspections required</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>AK, CT, DE, IN, KS, MO, MS, ND, NH, NV, OR, SC, SD, TN, UT, WV, WY</b>
Once a year	10	DE, KS, MO, MS, ND, NV, OR, SD, TN, WY
Once every 2 years	5	AK, CT, SC, UT, WV
Once every 3 years	1	NH
No response	1	IN

N=17 states, excluding AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MT, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI

### C. Square Footage

#### Indoor Space Requirements

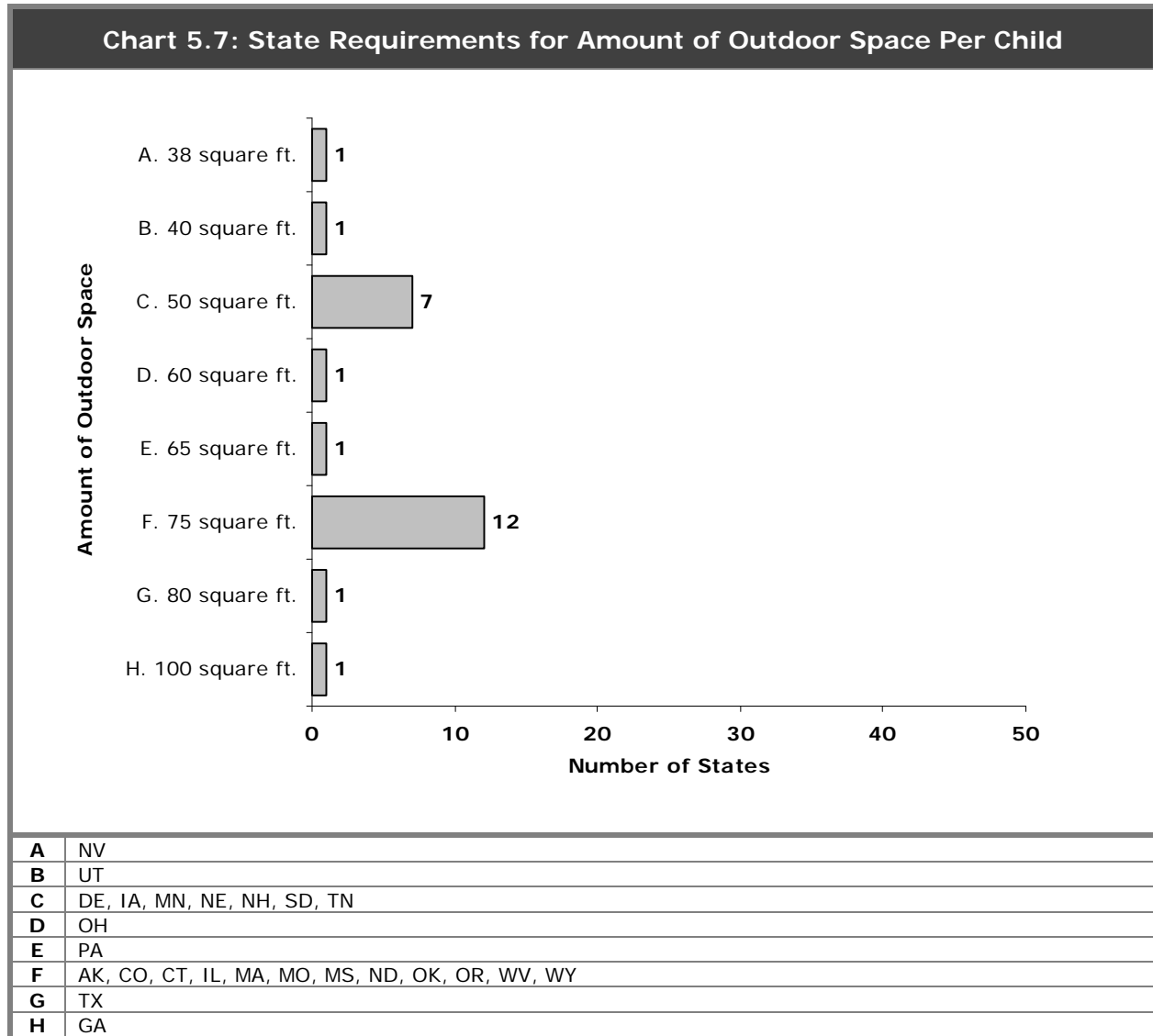
Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 34 (AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY) have requirements for the amount of indoor space that must be provided for each child. As shown in Chart 5.6, most states require large/group FCC homes to have 35 square feet of indoor space per child.



N=34 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MT, NC, NJ, NY, VA, VT, WA, WI

Outdoor Space Requirements

Twenty-five states (AK, CO, CT, DE, GA, IA, IL, MA, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY) have requirements for the amount of outdoor space that must be provided for each child. As shown in Chart 5.7, most states require large/group FCC homes to have 75 square feet of outdoor space for each child.



N=25 states, excluding AL, AR, AZ, CA, DC, FL, HI, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MT, NC, NJ, NM, NY, RI, SC, VA, VT, WA, WI

Five states (AL, AZ, FL, MI, MO) have requirements for the total minimum amount of outdoor space that large/group FCC homes are required to have, as shown in Table 5.41.

Table 5.41: States With Requirements for the Total Minimum Amount of Outdoor Space	
State	Minimum Requirement
270 square feet	FL
375 square feet	AZ
600 square feet	AL, MI
750 square feet	MO

N=5 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Table 89: Amount of Indoor and Outdoor Space Required in Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007 in the 50-State Data Tables includes the square footage requirements for each state.

## D. Condition of Facility and Equipment

As shown in Table 5.42, all states that license large/group FCC homes, except AK and SD, have requirements for the condition of facilities and/or equipment (e.g., facilities and equipment must be in good condition).

Table 5.42: States With Requirements for the Condition of the Home and/or Equipment*		
Requirement	Number of States	State
<b>Indoor area and equipment</b>		
Requirements for the condition of the indoor area of the home	34	AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Requirements for the condition of indoor equipment	29	AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WV
Requirements for the condition of stairs in the home	25	AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, UT, VA, WV, WY

<b>Table 5.42: States With Requirements for the Condition of the Home and/or Equipment (con.)*</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Requirements for basement used for the care of children	17	CO, DE, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, OK, RI, TX, WY
<b>Outdoor area and equipment</b>		
Requirements for the condition of the outdoor area of the home	28	AL, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, MA, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV
Requirements for the condition of outdoor equipment	28	AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY
<b>Materials and toys</b>		
Requirements for the condition of materials and toys for children	23	AZ, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, SC, UT, WV, WY

N=37 states, excluding AK, AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for indoor and outdoor areas and equipment, materials, and toys.

## E. Safety of Equipment

As seen in Table 5.43, most states that license large/group FCC homes have requirements for the safety of indoor and outdoor equipment. Information about each state's requirements for surfaces under indoor and outdoor equipment is available in *Table 90: Requirements for Surfaces Under Indoor and Outdoor Equipment in Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

<b>Table 5.43: States With Requirements for Equipment Safety*</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Indoor equipment</b>		
Requirements for sleeping equipment (e.g., cots and cribs)	26	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, HI, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NH, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, VA, WV

<b>Table 5.43: States With Requirements for Equipment Safety (con.) *</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Requirements for the safety of indoor equipment	24	CT, DE, GA, HI, IL, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY
Prohibits stackable cribs	10	AZ, CT, GA, MO, MS, NH, OH, PA, SC, WY
Requirements for the surfaces under indoor equipment	3	NH, OH, TX
<b>Outdoor equipment</b>		
Requirements for the safety of outdoor equipment	29	AL, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY
Requirements for the surfaces under outdoor equipment	26	AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, KS, MI, MO, MT, NH, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY
<b>Indoor and outdoor equipment</b>		
Requirements for equipment to be free of components that can pinch, shear, or crush body tissues	7	DE, MO, OK, PA, SC, TX, WY

N=34 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NE, NJ, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for the safety of indoor and outdoor equipment.

## F. Outdoor Space

### Enclosures or Fencing

As shown in Table 5.44, 18 states require large/group FCC homes to have fences or other enclosures around outdoor play spaces. Most of these states require that fences be at least 4 feet in height. State-by-state data are available in *Table 91: Height Requirements for Outdoor Enclosures and Fences for Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

Requirement	Number of States	State
State requires that outdoor space is enclosed or has a fence	18	AL, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, MO, MS, MT, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, TX, UT, WY
Height must be at least 4 feet	13	AL, AZ, FL, GA, MS, MT, NM, OK, OR, SC, TX, UT, WY
Height must be 42 inches	2	CO, MO
Height not specified	3	DE, NV, RI

N=18 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, CT, DC, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SD, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV

### Bodies of Water

Thirty-six states (AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) have requirements for the safety of swimming pools in large/group FCC homes. In addition, 22 states (AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, MA, MI, MN, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, TX, UT) have requirements to protect children from bodies of water (e.g., ponds, lakes, and rivers).

## G. Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness

### Fire Inspections

The following data about fire inspections were compiled from state child care licensing agency responses to *The 2007 NARA Child Care Licensing Program Survey*.

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 26 require large/group FCC homes to have fire inspections. Table 5.45 shows how often homes must have inspections. A majority of states require annual fire inspections. State-by-state data are available in *Table 92: Frequency of Fire Inspections of Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State-Data-Tables.

<b>Table 5.45: State Requirements for the Frequency of Fire Inspections</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Fire inspections required</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>AK, AL, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, KS, MI, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, WV, WY</b>
Once a year	15	CT, DE, FL, GA, MO, MS, ND, NM, NV, OH, RI, SD, TN, UT, WY
Once every 2 years	4	AK, HI, SC, WV
Once every 3 years	2	MI, NH
Less than once every 3 years	1	PA
Other frequency	4	AL, CA, KS, NE

N=26 states, excluding AR, AZ, CO, DC, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MT, NC, NJ, NY, OK, OR, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI

#### Fire Safety and Fire Drills

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 37 (AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) have requirements regarding fire safety. Of those, 30 states (AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) require large/group FCC homes to have plans for how to evacuate children and providers in case of fires in homes.

#### **Note**

The information in this study only includes data from large/group FCC home licensing regulations and child care licensing agency responses to a survey. There may be other state laws about fire safety that require homes to have fire inspections or fire evacuation plans or conduct fire drills.

Thirty-two states also require large/group FCC homes to conduct fire drills. As shown in Table 5.46, most of these states require large/group FCC homes to conduct fire drills at least once a month.

<b>Table 5.46: States With Requirements for Frequency of Fire Drills</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State requires fire drills</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
At least once a month	22	AZ, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, RI, TX, VA, WV
More than four times a year	3	MT, NE, PA
At least four times a year	3	IN, SD, UT
Less than four times a year	1	CA
Time interval not specified in regulations	3	CO, ND, WY

N=32 states, excluding AK, AL, AR, CT, DC, HI, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, OR, SC, TN, VT, WA, WI

Smoke Detectors and Fire Extinguishers

As shown in Table 5.47, most states that license large/group FCC homes require them to have smoke detectors and/or fire extinguishers. Twenty-three states (AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NM, OK, OR, RI, TX, UT, VA, WY) require large/group FCC homes to have both.

<b>Table 5.47: States With Requirements for Smoke Detectors and Fire Extinguishers</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
Large/Group FCC homes must have smoke detectors	27	AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OK, OR, RI, TX, UT, VA, WY
Large/Group FCC homes must have fire extinguishers	24	AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NM, OK, OR, RI, TX, UT, VA, WY

N=28 states, excluding AK, AL, AR, CT, DC, HI, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, NV, OH, PA, SC, SD, TN, VT, WA, WI, WV

General Emergency Plans

In addition to the requirements related to fires, some states also have requirements for plans and drills for general emergencies (i.e., not specifically fires). Three states (MT, NY, SD) require large/group FCC homes to have evacuation plans for general emergencies, and one state (MT) requires large/group FCC homes to perform general emergency drills. *Table 93: Fire and Emergency Evacuation and Drill Requirements for Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables provides state-by-state data about evacuation and drill requirements.

**Fast Fact**

More than half of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes require them to be prepared for specific emergencies caused by weather, utility-related problems, and/or intruders/acts of violence.

Emergency Preparedness

Table 5.48 shows the states that have preparedness requirements for specific emergencies caused by weather, utility-related problems, and/or intruders/acts of violence. State-by-state data are available in *Table 94: Requirements for Emergency Preparedness for Large/Group FCC Homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables.

<b>Table 5.48: States With Requirements for Specific Emergency Preparedness*</b>		
Requirement	Number of States	State
<b>State has requirements for specific emergency preparedness</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>AL, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NV, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV</b>
Large/Group FCC homes must have emergency plans/procedures for natural disasters (e.g., tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other weather)	23	AL, CO, CT, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NV, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV
Large/Group FCC homes must have emergency plans/procedures for utility-related problems (e.g., blackouts)	8	AL, GA, MA, MI, OH, OK, OR, UT
Large/Group FCC homes must have emergency plans/procedures for intruders/acts of violence**	1	OH

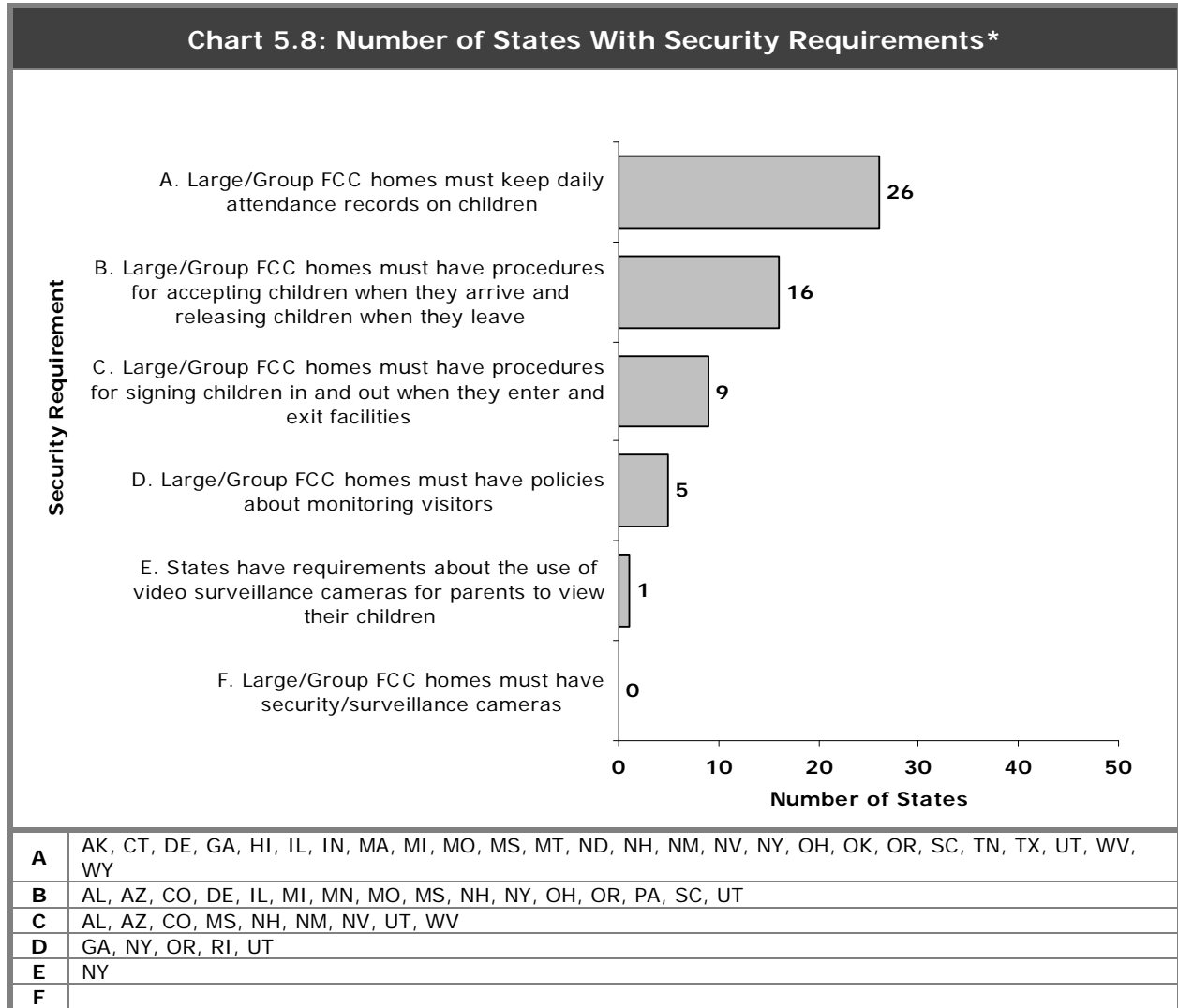
N=26 states, excluding AK, AR, AZ, DC, DE, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, PA, TN, VT, WA, WI, WY

\*Some states have multiple requirements for emergency preparedness.

\*\*"Intruders/Acts of violence" includes intruders within the home, intoxicated parents, lost or abducted children, threats of violence, man-made disasters, and others.

## H. Security

Many states have requirements for large/group FCC homes related to the security of children. For example, as shown in Chart 5.8, more than half of states that license large/group FCC homes require homes to keep daily attendance records of children, and several require large/group homes to establish procedures for accepting children when they enter homes and releasing children at the end of the day.



N=32 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, FL, IA, ID, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NE, NJ, SD, VA, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple security requirements.

## I. Transportation

### General Requirements

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, all except one (SD) have requirements regarding transporting children in vehicles. Table 5.49 shows some of the specific requirements states have for transporting children. See "4.8 Supervision of Children" for more information about requirements for transportation.

Table 5.49: States With Requirements for Transportation*		
Requirement	Number of States	State
State has requirements for transportation	38	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Requirements for vehicle drivers (e.g., drivers must have valid licenses)	29	AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, UT, WV, WY
Requirements for condition of vehicles	20	AK, AZ, CA, CO, DE, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, ND, NH, NM, OH, OK, OR, TN, WV, WY
Requirements for first aid kits to be kept in vehicles	14	AZ, CO, DE, GA, IA, KS, MI, NM, OK, PA, TN, UT, VA, WY
Requirements for vehicle seating	10	CO, FL, GA, MO, MT, NE, OH, OR, PA, TN
Requirements for emergency equipment needed in vehicles	4	AK, AZ, NM, TN

N=38 states, excluding AR, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for transportation.

Vehicle Safety Restraints

Most states also have requirements for large/group FCC homes regarding vehicle safety restraints for children, such as seat belts and car seats, as shown in Table 5.50.

Requirement	Number of States	State
State has requirements for vehicle safety restraints for children	32	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Requirements for car seats/child restraint systems	26	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NY, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY
Requirements for seat belts for children	25	AK, AL, AZ, CO, FL, GA, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, WV, WY

N=32 states, excluding AR, CT, DC, HI, IA, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, ND, NJ, NV, SC, SD, VT, WA, WI  
 \*Some states have multiple types of requirements for vehicle safety restraints.

**J. Liability and Automobile Insurance**

Nineteen states require large/group FCC homes to have either liability insurance or automobile insurance as protection from accidents and injuries to children in care, as shown in Table 5.51. Seven states (AZ, DE, IL, NV, PA, TN, WV) require large/group FCC homes to have both types of insurance. *Table 95: Liability and Automobile Insurance Requirements for Large/Group FCC homes in 2007* in the 50-State Data Tables shows the states that have these requirements and the amount of insurance required if specified in the state regulations.

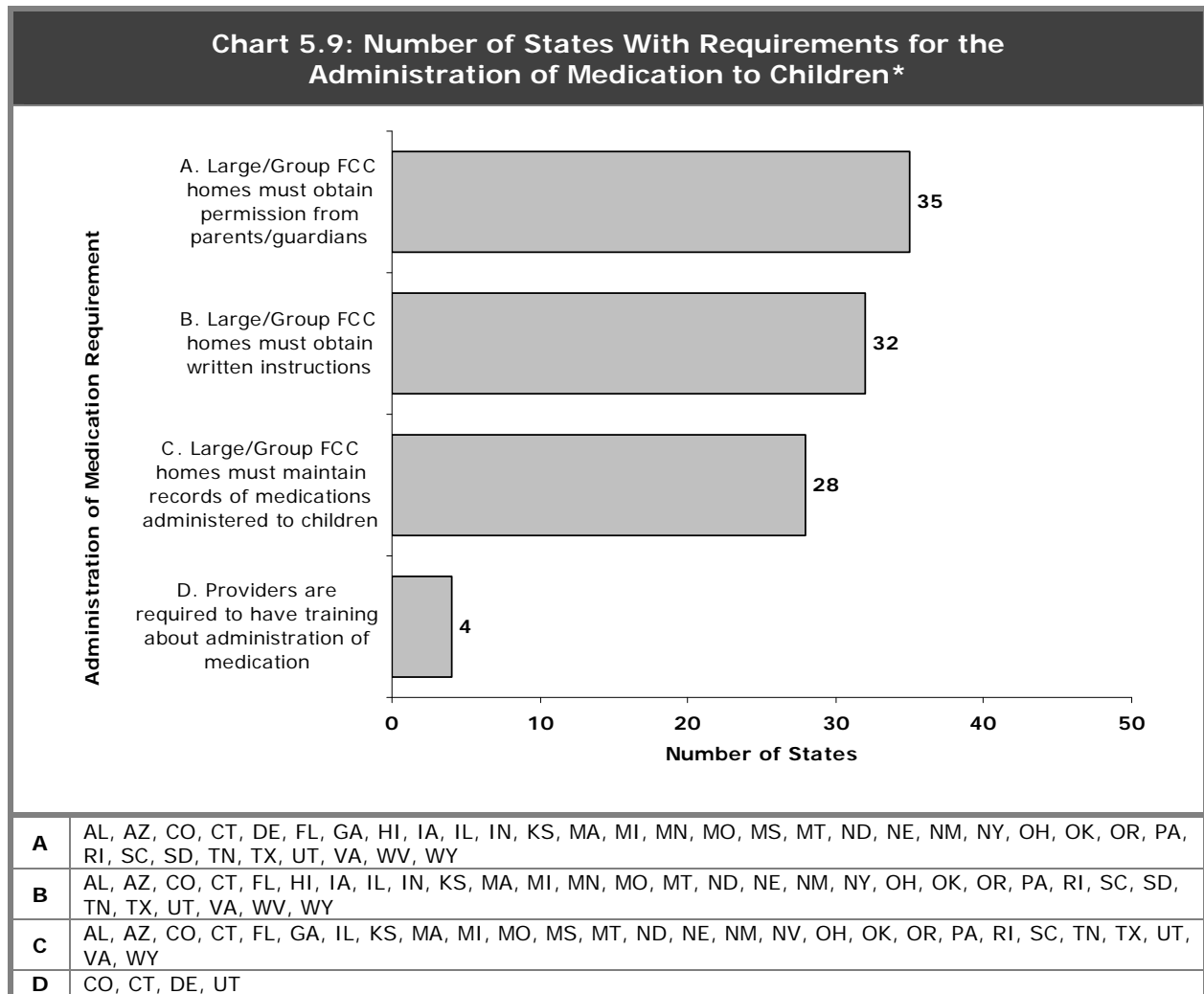
Requirement	Number of States	State
State requires insurance	19	AZ, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, MI, MS, MT, ND, NH, NM, NV, OK, PA, RI, TN, WV
Requires automobile insurance	18	AZ, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, MI, MS, ND, NH, NM, NV, OK, PA, RI, TN, WV
Requires general liability insurance	8	AZ, DE, IL, MT, NV, PA, TN, WV

N=19 states, excluding AK, AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, GA, IA, ID, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, OR, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY  
 \*Some states require multiple types of insurance.

## K. Medical Care and Related Issues

### Administration of Medication

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 36 (AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) have requirements for the administration of medication to children. As shown in Chart 5.9, nearly all states require that large/group FCC homes obtain permission from parents to administer medications, get written instructions about how to give medications to children, and keep records of medications given to children.



N=36 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for the administration of medication.

### Medical Procedures

Seven states (AL, CT, MA, NY, OH, OK, SC) have requirements for large/group FCC homes related to performing medical procedures, such as blood glucose tests, on children with medical conditions. These states require that permission be obtained from parents, and/or instructions are obtained from parents or physicians about how to perform procedures.

Three states (AL, CT, OK) require large/group FCC homes to keep records of medical procedures.

**Fast Facts**

- Most of the states that license large/group FCC homes have requirements for the administration of medication to children.
- Most of the states that license large/group FCC homes have requirements regarding the care of children who are mildly ill.

Care of Ill Children

As shown in Table 5.52, most states that have requirements regarding the care of mildly ill children allow large/group FCC homes to exclude mildly ill children from care, meaning they must be kept at home until they are well enough to return. Fewer states specifically allow large/group FCC homes to admit children into care when they are mildly ill.

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for the care of mildly ill children</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>AL, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, MA, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Allows large/group FCC homes to exclude children who are mildly ill	17	AL, AZ, CT, HI, IA, MO, MT, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, VA, WV, WY
Allows large/group FCC homes to admit children who are mildly ill	9	DE, FL, HI, IL, MA, MO, PA, SD, UT

N=29 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, CO, DC, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, TN, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for the care of mildly ill children.

Incident Reporting

Table 5.53 shows that most states have requirements for reporting serious injuries and deaths of children in large/group FCC homes. Most states also require large/group FCC homes to keep their own records of these incidents.

<b>Table 5.53: States With Requirements for Incident Reporting*</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for incident reporting</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Large/Group FCC homes must report all serious injuries that occur to children in care to the licensing agency	27	AL, CO, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Large/Group FCC homes must keep records of all serious injuries that occur to children	25	AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, MA, MO, MS, MT, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, TN, TX, UT, VA, WY
Large/Group FCC homes must report all deaths that occur to children in care to the licensing agency	24	AL, CO, CT, DE, GA, IL, MA, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, VA, WV, WY

N=33 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, DC, HI, ID, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for incident reporting.

Health Consultants

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 5 states (CT, DE, HI, ND, NY) require large/group FCC homes to have health consultants available to providers.

**Terminology**

**Child care health consultants:** Health professionals who are used by FCC homes to provide information and expertise on health issues.

First Aid Kits

In addition, 30 states (AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, MA, MN, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) require large/group FCC homes have first aid kits. Twenty (AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, MA, MN, MT, NE, NM, OH, OR, PA, RI, TN, TX, VA, WV, WY) of those states specify the items that must be contained in kits.

## L. Hand Washing

### Requirements for Providers

As shown in Table 5.54, most states have requirements for hand washing for providers. A few require providers to complete training on this topic. In addition, 17 states (AZ, CT, DE, GA, IN, MI, MO, MT, ND, NE, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, WY) have requirements for the locations and/or numbers of hand washing facilities in large/group FCC homes.

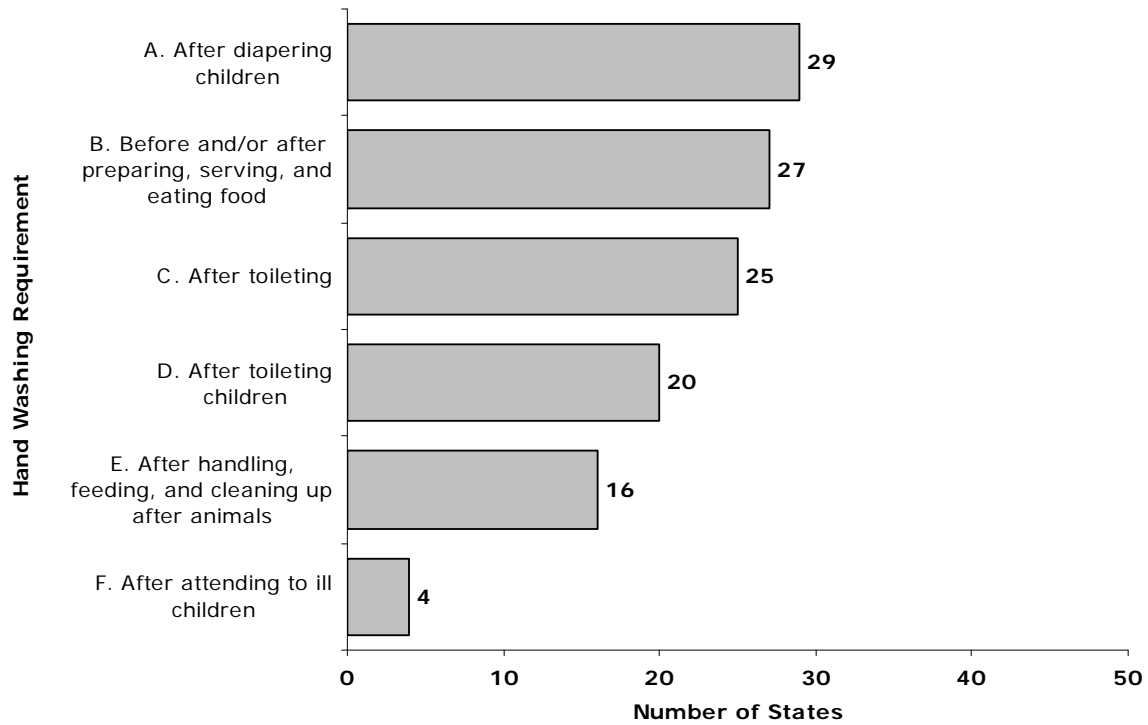
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for hand washing for providers</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Specifies when providers must wash their hands	31	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WY
Providers must complete training about hand washing	3	AZ, CT, UT

N=32 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, TN, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements for hand washing for providers.

Of the states that have requirements for hand washing for large/group FCC home providers, all except one (WV) specify when providers must wash their hands. Chart 5.10 shows the times when large/group FCC home providers must wash their hands.

**Chart 5.10: Number of States That Specify Times When Hand Washing is Required for Providers\***



<b>A</b>	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, GA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, VA, WY
<b>B</b>	AK, AZ, CO, DE, GA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WY
<b>C</b>	AK, AZ, CO, DE, GA, MA, MI, MO, MS, MT, ND, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, WY
<b>D</b>	AK, AL, CO, DE, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, VA
<b>E</b>	AK, AZ, DE, MA, MI, MS, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, TX, VA
<b>F</b>	DE, NH, NM, NV

N=31 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, TN, VT, WA, WI, WV

\*Some states specify multiple times when providers are required to wash their hands.

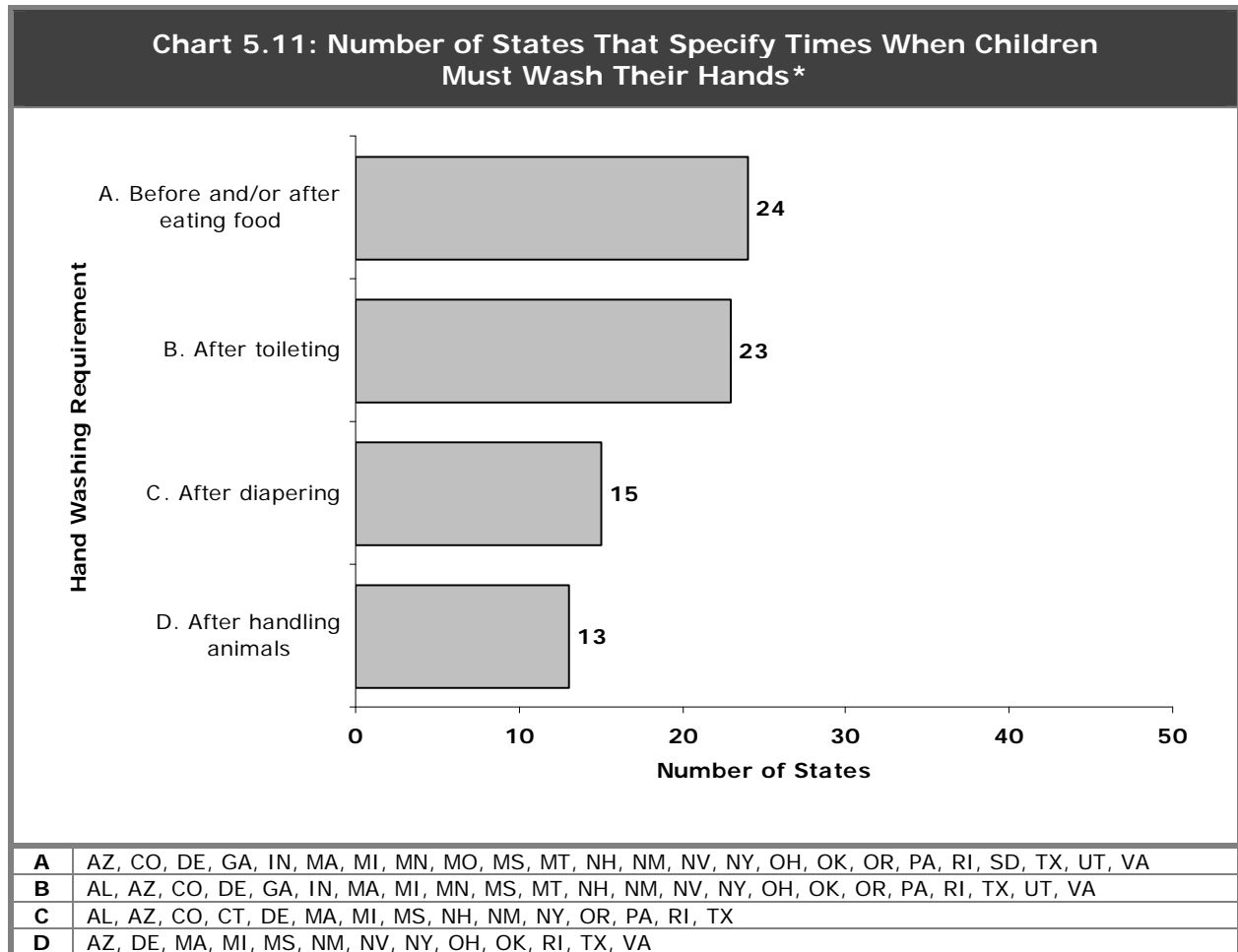
Requirements for Children

As shown in Table 5.55, most states have requirements for large/group FCC homes regarding washing children’s hands. Of the 30 states that have requirements for hand washing for children, only SC and WV do not specify when children must wash their hands.

<b>Table 5.55: States With Requirements for Washing Children’s Hands</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements for washing children’s hands</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WV</b>
Specifies when children must wash their hands	28	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT, VA

N=30 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, HI, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, ND, NE, NJ, TN, VT, WA, WI, WY

Chart 5.11 shows the times when children must wash their hands.

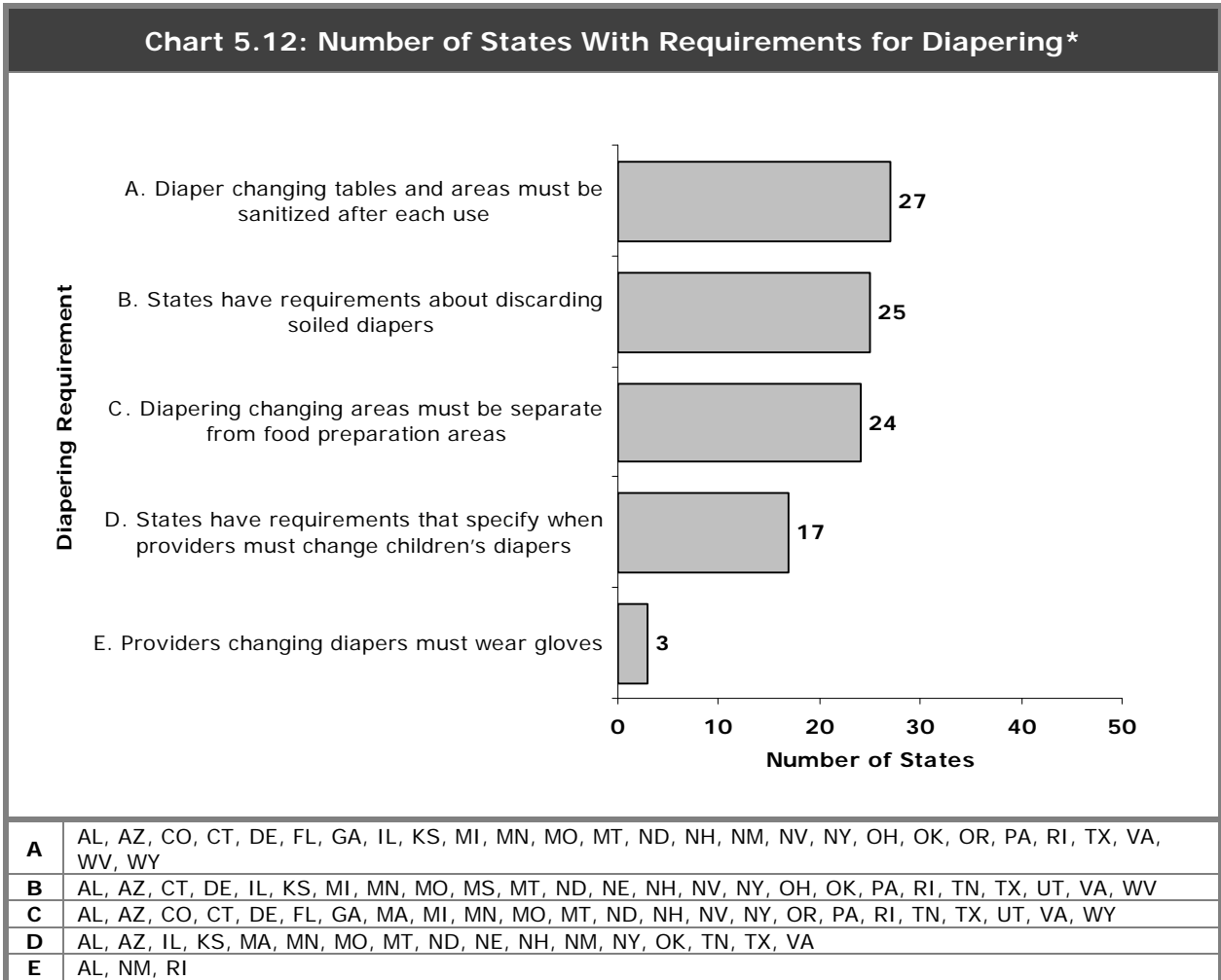


N=28 states, excluding AR, CA, DC, HI, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, ND, NE, NJ, SC, TN, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY

\*Some states specify multiple times when children must wash their hands.

### M. Diapering

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 32 (AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) have requirements for diapering. As shown in Chart 5.12, these requirements include information about discarding soiled diapers, sanitation of diapering areas, and when to change children's diapers.



N=32 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, DC, HI, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, SC, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for diapering.

## N. Smoking Policies

Table 5.56 shows that most states have requirements regarding smoking in large/group FCC homes. Fifteen states specify that smoking is not allowed in large/group FCC homes. However, some states allow FCC homes to permit smoking, but it cannot be in the presence of children or in areas where children are in care.

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements about smoking in large/group FCC homes</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Does not allow smoking in large/group FCC homes	15	AL, CA, CO, FL, MS, MT, ND, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, RI, TX, WV
Does not allow smoking in areas used for the care of children	15	AZ, CT, GA, IL, MI, MO, MS, NE, NM, NY, OK, PA, RI, SC, VA
Does not allow smoking in the presence of children	10	AZ, HI, IL, KS, MA, NH, NM, OH, OK, TN
Requires providers to notify parents of smoking in homes	10	MA, MI, MN, NE, NV, OH, OK, RI, TN, WV
Does not allow smoking in areas where food is prepared	4	MO, PA, SC, WY

N=34 states, excluding AK, AR, DC, DE, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple types of requirements about smoking.

## O. Hazardous Materials

Of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 34 (AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) have requirements regarding the accessibility of hazardous materials and substances, such as cleaning products and other chemicals, in large/group FCC homes. Of those 34 states, all specify that hazardous materials must be kept out of children's reach.

**P. Firearms**

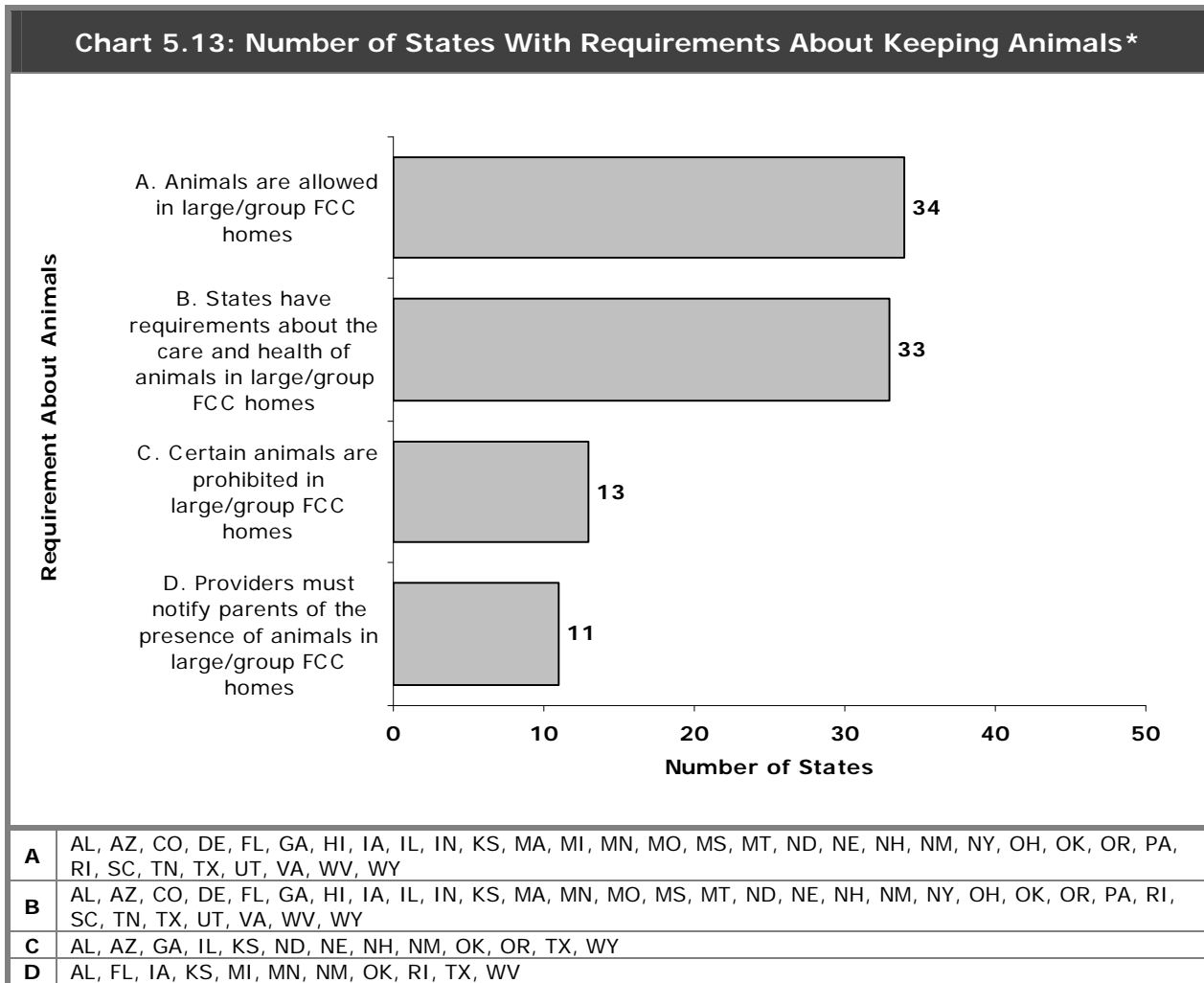
As shown in Table 5.57, of the 39 states that license large/group FCC homes, 31 states have requirements regarding the presence of firearms in large/group FCC homes. All but one state (OH) that has regulations about firearms requires them to be in locked containers or closets or other safe locations.

<b>Table 5.57: States With Requirements About the Presence of Firearms*</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Number of States</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>State has requirements about the presence of firearms in large/group FCC homes</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>AL, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY</b>
Allows firearms in homes, but requires them to be in locked containers or closets or other safe locations	30	AL, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY
Allows firearms in homes, but requires ammunition to be separate	19	AL, CA, CO, DE, IL, MA, MI, MN, MT, ND, NE, OK, OR, PA, RI, TX, UT, VA, WY
Requires providers to notify parents of the presence of firearms in homes	3	MA, MI, PA
Does not allow firearms in homes	1	OH

N=31 states, excluding AK, AR, CT, DC, GA, HI, IA, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, NV, NY, SD, VT, WA, WI  
 \*Some states have multiple types of requirements about the presence of firearms.

## Q. Animals in Facilities

Thirty-four states (AL, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY) have requirements about keeping animals in large/group FCC homes. As shown in Chart 5.13, those same 34 states allow animals to be kept in large/group FCC homes. All but one (MI) of these states have requirements about the care of animals.



N=34 states, excluding AK, AR, CA, CT, DC, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, NC, NJ, NV, SD, VT, WA, WI

\*Some states have multiple requirements for keeping animals.