The 2008 Child Care Licensing Study

District of Columbia
State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY		
Facility Type	**Number of Licensed Facilities**	**Licensed Capacity**
Child care centers	330	21,376
Small FCC homes	190	944
Large/Group FCC homes	NC	NC
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	**520**	**22,320**

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS	
Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	1
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	8
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	65:1

Note: NCCIC/NARA calculated the estimated caseload by dividing the total number of licensed facilities (i.e., centers and FCC homes) by the total number of licensing line staff.

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FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS BY TYPE			
Type	**Child Care Centers**	**Small FCC Homes**	**Large/Group FCC Homes**
Prior to issuing a license	✓	✓	**NC**
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	
License renewal	✓	✓	**NC**
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	
Routine compliance	✓	✓	**NC**
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	

FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE	
Type	**Frequency**
Child care centers	Once a year
Small FCC homes	Once a year
Large/Group FCC homes	NC

FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE	
Type	**Frequency**
Child care centers	Once a year
Small FCC homes	Once a year
Large/Group FCC homes	NC

REGULATIONS SUMMARY	
Regulations Title	**Date**
Child care center regulations	
"Chapter 3: Child Development Facilities," in "Title 29," in *District of Columbia Municipal Regulations*	4/27/2007
Small FCC home regulations	
"Chapter 3: Child Development Facilities," in "Title 29," in *District of Columbia Municipal Regulations*	4/27/2007

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.	
Regulations Title	**Date**
Large/Group FCC home regulations	
NC	
Note: NCCIC/NARA used child care licensing regulations that were posted on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education Web site between January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008. Regulations titles were also copied directly from this site.	

DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES	
Small FCC homes	
Number of children allowed	1–6
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	6
Provider's own children counted	Yes, if younger than age 4
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	2 younger than 2 years
Large/Group FCC homes	
Number of children allowed	NC
Ratio of children to 1 provider	NC
Provider's own children counted	NC

CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	**Child-Staff Ratio**	**Group Size**
6 weeks	4:1	8
9 months	4:1	8
18 months	4:1	8
27 months	4:1	8
3 years	8:1	16
4 years	10:1	20
5 years	15:1	25
6 years	15:1	30
7 years	15:1	30
8–9 years	15:1	30
10 years and older	15:1	30

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CRIMINAL BACKROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY TYPE			
Type	**Child Care Centers**	**Small FCC Homes**	**Large/Group FCC Homes**
Criminal history records	✓	✓	NC
Fingerprints	✓	✓	NC
Child abuse and neglect registry			NC
Sex offender registry			NC
Signed statement about criminal status			NC

MINIMUM PRESERVICE QUALIFICATIONS AND ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS		
Role	**Minimum Preservice Qualifications**	**Ongoing Training Hours**
Child care center staff		
Director	2 years of college with coursework in ECE	18
Master teacher	NR	NR
Teacher	Clock hours in ECE and experience	18
Assistant teacher	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	18
Aide	No preservice qualifications	Unspecified number
Small FCC home providers		
Provider	None	9
Assistant provider	NR	NR
Large/Group FCC home providers		
Provider	NC	NC
Assistant provider	NC	NC

Key:
CCP = Certified Child Care Professional Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association
CDA = Child Development Associate Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition
ECE = Early childhood education
FCC = Family child care
GED = General Educational Development Test
NA = Not applicable/not addressed
NAC = National Administrators Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association
NARA = National Association for Regulatory Administration
NC = No category of facility
NCCIC = National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center
NL = Not licensed
NR = Not regulated
SAC = School-age children