The 2008 Child Care Licensing Study

Oklahoma
State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY		
Facility Type	**Number of Licensed Facilities**	**Licensed Capacity**
Child care centers	1,778	111,630
Small FCC homes	1,757	12,261
Large/Group FCC homes	1,038	12,376
Other types of licensed facilities*	0	0
Total	**4,573**	**136,267**

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS	
Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	22
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	106
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	43:1

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

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

FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE	
Type	**Frequency**
Child care centers	3 times a year
Small FCC homes	3 times a year
Large/Group FCC homes	3 times a year

FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE	
Type	**Frequency**
Child care centers	Nonexpiring
Small FCC homes	Nonexpiring
Large/Group FCC homes	Nonexpiring

REGULATIONS SUMMARY	
Regulations Title	**Date**
Child care center regulations	
Licensing Requirements for Child Care Centers	10/1/2007
Small FCC home regulations	
Licensing Requirements for Family Child Care Homes and Large Child Care Homes	10/1/2007

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Regulations Title	**Date**
Large/Group FCC home regulations	
Licensing Requirements for Family Child Care Homes and Large Child Care Homes	10/1/2007
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	1–7
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	5 for any age; 6, with no more than 3 younger than 2 years; 7, with no more than 2 younger than 2 years
Provider's own children counted	Yes
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	5 younger than 2 years
Large/Group FCC homes	
Number of children allowed	8–12
Ratio of children to 1 provider	5:1 for any age; 6:1, with no more than 3 younger than 2 years; 7:1, with no more than 2 younger than 2 years; 7:1, if all 2 years and older; 8:1, if all 3 years and older; 10:1, if all 4 years and older; 12:1, if all 5 years and older
Provider's own children counted	Yes

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	6:1	12
27 months	8:1	16
3 years	12:1	24
4 years	15:1	30
5 years	15:1	30
6 years	20:1	40
7 years	20:1	40
8–9 years	20:1	40
10 years and older	20:1	40

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

MINIMUM PRESERVICE QUALIFICATIONS AND ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS		
Role	**Minimum Preservice Qualifications**	**Ongoing Training Hours**
Child care center staff		
Director	State director credential and experience	20
Master teacher	Oklahoma Competency Certificate in ECE	12
Teacher	Completion of the 10th grade and enrolled in GED program	12
Assistant teacher	Enrolled in high school or GED program	12
Aide	No preservice qualifications	12
Small FCC home providers		
Provider	None	12
Assistant provider	None	0
Large/Group FCC home providers		
Provider	Vocational-technical occupational child care diploma and experience	15
Assistant provider	None	12

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

***Note:** Other licensed facilities include residential facilities.