NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALLOWED IN REGULATED CHILD CARE

FAMILY CHILD CARE CERTIFICATION

Maximum Number of Children in Certified Child Care			
Related children under age 7	Non-related children under age 7	Additional children ages 7 and older	Maximum number of children
0	3	Additional children ages 7 and older may be cared for as long as the maximum total number of children is not exceeded	6
1	3		6
2	3		6
3	3		6
4	2		6
5	1		6
6	0		6
When Children Under Age 2 Are Present			
Number of children under 2 years of age		Maximum number of children	
0		6	
1		6	
2		6	
3		5	
4 (one would have to be related)		4	

- A provider may care for up to 3 children under age 7 who are *not* related to him/her.
- The maximum number does not include natural, adopted, step, or foster children 7 years of age and older, or any children 7 and older who live in the residence.
- "Related to the provider" means the provider's biological or adopted children, foster children, stepchildren, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, first cousins, nephews, nieces, uncles, and aunts. Great grandchildren, a niece or nephew's child and a cousin's child are not considered related for Certification numbers.

FAMILY CHILD CARE LICENSING

Maximum Number of Children in Licensed Family Child Care per Provider			
Children Under 2 Years of Age	Children 2 Years of Age and Older	Maximum Number of Additional School-age (5 and older) Children in Care for Fewer Than 3 Hours a Day	Maximum Number of Children Permitted at One Time
0	8	0	8
1	7	0	8
2	5	1	8
3	2	3	8
4	0	2	6

- A provider may care for up to 8 children – it does not matter if they are related or not.
- If a provider is caring for 4 children under 2, the maximum group size is 4 unless a qualified assistant or substitute is present. Then, the maximum group size would be 8.

GROUP CHILD CARE LICENSING

Maximum Group Size and Minimum #of Child Care Workers in Group Child Care Centers		
Age of Children	**Minimum Number of Child Care Workers to Children**	**Maximum Number of Children in a Group**
Birth to 2 years	1:4	8
2 years to 2 ½ years	1:6	12
2 ½ years to 3 years	1:8	16
3 years to 4 years	1:10	20
4 years to 5 years	1:13	26
5 years and older	1:18	34

Staff-to-Child Ratio Calculator – Change any number of children in column 2 to give it a try!			
Birth to 2 years	0	0.25	0
2 years	0	0.167	0
2 ½ years	0	0.125	0
3 years	0	0.1	0
4 years	0	0.077	0
5 years	0	0.059	0
Total number of children in group	**0**	**Total numeric weight of group**	**0**
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Ratio: One staff member is required for a group of children whose total numerical weight equals 1.04 or less. If the total numerical weight is 1.05 or above, two staff members are required; however, if the total numerical weight is 1.04, only one staff member is required.

Group: When infants and toddlers are part of a group, the maximum group size may not exceed 8. If the group is children 6 and above, the group size may not exceed 36.

Staff-to-Child Ratio Calculator Examples		
Group 1	1 child age 1 year x .25 = .25 1 child age 2 years x .167 = .167 5 children age 2 ½ years x .125 = .625 **TOTAL numerical weight of Group 1 = 1.042**	**Ratio:** The total numerical weight of the group does not exceed 1.04 (1.042 rounded down) so 1 child care worker is required. **Group:** No more than 2 child care workers are required, and the group, which includes infants/toddlers, does not exceed 8, so 1 group is acceptable.
Group 2	14 children age 3 years x .10 = 1.40 10 children age 4 years x .077 = .77 3 children age 5 years x .059 = .177 **TOTAL numerical weight of Group 2 = 2.347**	**Ratio:** The total numerical weight of the group is greater than 2.04, so 3 child care workers are required. **Group:** More than 2 child care workers are required, so Group 2 will need to be split into 2 separate groups of children.