



Comparison of Certified and Licensed Family Child Care

	Certification Family Child Care	Licensing Family Child Care
The Process:	Attend 2 hour orientation and Receive application and documentations. You will also need to complete the required trainings.	Order Licensing Packet from the licensing department. You will also need to complete the required trainings.
Ratio of Children in Child Care	Maximum of 6 children per shift (3 under the age of 7 and 3 over the age of 7)	Maximum of 8 children per shift (4 under the age of 7 and 4 over the age of 7)
Space Indoors: Outdoors:	The required space indoors is 35 square feet per child (minimum of 180 square feet for 6 children) The space outdoors is 75 square feet of fenced in play space (minimum of 450 square feet for 6 children). No fence is required	The required space indoors is 35 square feet per child (minimum of 280 square feet for 8 children) The space outdoor is 75 square feet of fenced outdoor play space. (Minimum of 600 square feet for 8 children). Fence is Required
Battery Smoke Detectors:	On each level of home and in areas used by the children for nap and rest time.	On each level of home and in areas used by the children for nap and rest time.
Child Care on level other than ground floor:	No Special Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A second exit is required. The exit can be a door or window, which measure 20 inches in width and 24 inches in height but is not more than 46 inches above the floor (See Rule Book) 2. If caring for children less than 24 months old on a level more than 6 feet up or down from ground level, there needs to be an interconnecting smoke detection system.
Classes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Child Care Profession • Fundamentals of Family Child Care <p><i>Provisional Certified Family Child Care</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) • Sudden Infant Death (SIDS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Child Care Profession • Fundamentals of Infant & Toddler • Fundamentals of Family Child Care • CPR/ First Aid with AED • Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect