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Types of Child Care Available

Licensed Day Care Home

A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of ten (10) children under 16 years of age and includes children under eleven (11) years of age related to the provider. The maximum number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children in care, with fewer total children allowed when more younger children are enrolled.

Registered Family Day Care Home

A providers own residence in which care is provided by the applicant for not more than six children from birth to 16 years of age with not more than three children under 18 months of age. All children under 12 years of age related to the provider are included in the total.

Child Care Centers

A child care facility in which care and educational activities are provided for 13 or more children two weeks to 16 years of age for more than three hours and less than 24 hours per day including day time, evening, and night-time care, or which provides before and after school care for school-age children. A facility may have fewer than 13 children and be licensed as a center if the program and building meet child care center regulations.

Preschools

A child care facility which provides learning experiences for children who have not attained the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten prescribed in K.S.A 72-1107(c) and any amendments thereto, and who are 30 months of age or older; which conducts sessions not exceeding three hours per session; which does not enroll any child more than one session per day; and which does not serve a meal. the term "preschool" shall

include education preschools, Montessori schools, nursery schools, church-sponsored preschools, and cooperatives. A preschool may have fewer than 13 children and be licensed as a preschool if the program and facility meet preschool regulation. In lieu of being licensed, preschool operated in the same building as private schools providing kindergarten through grade six shall be governed by Kansas statutes applicable to private school. The license for the preschool states the maximum number of children than can be in care at any one time and also states the maximum number of children than can be in care in any one unit by age group. Staff to child ratios must be maintained at all times.

Group Day Care Home

A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of twelve (12) children under 16 years of age and includes children under eleven (11) years of age related to the provider. The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children in care.

Relative Care

Sometimes called family care and often confused with regulated Family Child Care relative care is just that; a grandparent, sister, aunt, uncle, cares for your child in your home or theirs.

For more information about child care licensing contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Child Care Licensing

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