

Child Care Service Types

Family Child Care

Family child care facilities provide care for up to seven children ranging from birth to 12 years of age.

Maximum group size: 7 children.

Staff-to-child ratio: 1 responsible adult (who is also the licensee) for 7 children.

Setting: In the child care provider's personal residence.



In-Home Multi Age

In-home multi age facilities provide care for up to eight children ranging from birth to 12 years of age.

Maximum group size: 8 children.

Staff-to-child ratio: 1 early childhood educator (who is also the licensee) for 8 children.

Setting: In the child care provider's personal residence.



Multi-Age

Multi-age care facilities provide care for up to eight children ranging from birth to 12 years of age and may be located in a larger group setting where there is more than one service type.

Maximum group size: 8 children.

Staff-to-child ratio: 1 early childhood educator for 8 children.

Setting: A community-based facility or centre.



Preschool

Preschool facilities provide care for children from 30 months to school entry. Preschools are typically part-time programs and do not exceed four hours in length.

Maximum group size: 20 children.

Child-to-staff ratio:

- 1 to 10 children: 1 early childhood educator
- 11 to 20 children: 1 early childhood educator and 1 early childhood educator assistant

Setting: A community-based facility or centre.



Group Child Care: Under 36 months

Group child care: under 36 months (also known as infant/toddler or IT care).

Maximum group size: 12 children.

Child-to-staff ratio:

- 1 to 4 children: 1 infant and toddler educator
- 5 to 8 children: 1 infant and toddler educator and 1 early childhood educator
- 9 to 12 children: 1 infant and toddler educator, 1 early childhood educator and 1 early childhood educator assistant



Setting: A community-based facility or centre.

Group Child Care: 30 months to School Age

Group child care: 30 months to school age.

Maximum group size: 25 children.

Child-to-staff ratio:

- 1 to 8 children: 1 early childhood educator
- 9 to 16 children: 1 early childhood educator and 1 early childhood educator assistant
- 17 to 25 children: 1 early childhood educator and 2 early childhood educator assistants



Setting: A community-based facility or centre.

Group Child Care: School Age

Group child care: school age, otherwise known as out of school care or before and after school care, provides care for children before or after school hours or on days of school closure.

Maximum group size: 24 children from Kindergarten and Grade 1 **OR** 30 children from Grade 2 and older with no Kindergarten or Grade 1 children present.

Staff-to-child ratio:

- 1 responsible adult for each 12 children from Kindergarten and Grade 1
- 1 responsible adult for each 15 children from Grade 2 and older

Staff qualifications: Responsible adults must be 19 years of age or older and able to provide care and mature guidance to children. Must also have 20 hours of child care related training, relevant work experience, a valid first aid certificate and a clear criminal record check.

Setting: A community-based facility or centre.



Occasional Child Care

This is drop-in child care that can be for a maximum of 8 hours a day and no more than 40 hours per calendar month.

Ages: 18 months old and up.

Maximum group size: 16 children (if children under 36 months are present) OR 20 children (if no children under 36 months are present).

Staff to child ratio:

- 1 responsible adult for every 4 children (if children under 36 months are present)
- 1 responsible adult for every 8 children (if no children under 36 months are present)

Staff qualifications: Must be 19 years of age or older and able to provide care and mature guidance to children. Must also have 20 hours of child care related training, relevant work experience, a valid first aid certificate and a clear criminal record check.

Setting: A community-based facility or centre.



Recreational Care

Recreational care provides after school hours or on a day of school closure, care is on a drop-in basis to children who attend school.

Ages: School age (Kindergarten and up).

Maximum group size: No maximum, as long as usable floor area of a space used for activity is sufficient to ensure the health and safety of children participating in the activity.

Staff-to-child ratio:

- 1 responsible adult for each 12 children from Kindergarten and Grade 1
- 1 responsible adult for each 15 children from Grade 2 and older

Staff qualifications: Responsible adults must be 19 years of age or older and able to provide care and mature guidance to children. Must also have 20 hours of child care related training, relevant work experience, a valid first aid certificate and a clear criminal record check.

Setting: A community-based facility or centre. Recreational care is not permitted in a single-family dwelling house.



School Age Care on School Grounds

School age care on school grounds provides care at a school, before or after school hours or on a day of school closure.

Ages: School age (Kindergarten and up).

Maximum group size: 24 children from Kindergarten and Grade 1 **OR** 30 children from Grade 2 and older with no Kindergarten or Grade 1 children present.

Staff-to-child ratio:

- 1 responsible adult for each 12 children from Kindergarten and Grade 1
- 1 responsible adult for each 15 children from Grade 2 and older

Staff qualifications: Responsible adults must be 19 years of age or older and able to provide care and mature guidance to children. Must also have 20 hours of child care-related training, relevant work experience, a valid first aid certificate and a clear criminal record check.

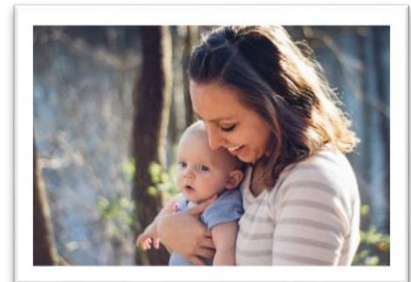
Setting: On school grounds.



Unlicensed Care

Unlicensed care (also known as LNR) is care provided to two children or one sibling group not related to the caregiver. Unlicensed care does not require a community care facility licence and is not monitored by the Child Care Licensing Program.

*Please note: licensing follows up on any reports that a facility may require a licence (for example, information that the unlicensed care provider is providing care for more than two children).



Exempt Program

Exempt programs are programs for children that provide a specific activity or instruction such as karate class, tutoring, Sunday school, soccer, gymnastics, etc. Exempt programs, including summer camps for school age children, do not require a community care facility licence and are not monitored by the Child Care Licensing Program.

