

Licensing Standards

Parent's Role

This child care facility is licensed according to the minimum licensure standards included in section 402.305, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 65C-22, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

License Number: _____

License Issued on ___/___/___

License Expires on ___/___/___

For more information regarding the compliance history of this child care provider, please visit: www.myflorida.com/childcare.

Every licensed child care facility must meet the minimum state child care licensing standards pursuant to s. 402.305, F.S., and ch. 65C-22, F.A.C., which include, but are not limited to, the following:

General Requirements

- ✓ Valid license posted for parents to see.
- ✓ All staff appropriately screened.
- ✓ Maintain minimum staff-to-child ratios:

Under 1 yr. old	1:4
1 yr. old	1:6
2 yrs. old	1:11
3 yrs. old	1:15
4 yrs. old	1:20
5 yrs. old & older	1:25
- ✓ Maintain appropriate transportation vehicles (*if transportation is provided*).

Health Related Requirements

- ✓ Emergency procedures that include:
 - Posting Florida Abuse Hotline number along with other emergency numbers.
 - Staff trained in first aid and CPR on the premises at all times.
 - Fully stocked first aid kit.
 - A working fire extinguisher and monthly fire drills with children and staff.
- ✓ Locked storage place for storing medication and hazardous materials.

Food and Nutrition

- ✓ Post a meal and snack menu that provides daily nutritional needs of the children (*if meals are provided*).

Record Keeping

- ✓ Maintain accurate records that include:
 - Children's health exam/immunization record.
 - Medication records.
 - Enrollment information.
 - Personnel records.
 - Daily attendance.
 - Accidents and incidents.
 - Parental permission for field trips and medications.



The parent's role in quality child care is vital to its success. In partnering with the caregiver to achieve this goal, parents should:

- ✓ Familiarize themselves with the child care standards used to license the child care facility.
- ✓ Inquire about the qualifications and experience of child care staff, as well as staff longevity.
- ✓ Know the facility's policies and procedures.
- ✓ Communicate with the caregiver.
- ✓ Visit and observe the facility.
- ✓ Participate in special activities, meetings, and conferences.
- ✓ Talk to their child about their daily experiences in child care.
- ✓ Arrange alternate care for their child when they are sick.

To report non-compliance with state licensing standards, please contact your local licensing office.

Quality Child Care

Quality child care offers healthy, social, and educational experiences under qualified supervision in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Children in these settings participate in daily, age-appropriate activities that help develop essential skills, build independence and instill self-respect.

When evaluating the quality of a child care setting, the following indicators should be considered:

Quality Caregivers

- ✓ Are friendly and eager to care for children.
- ✓ Accept family cultural and ethnic differences.
- ✓ Are warm, understanding, encouraging, and responsive to each child's individual needs.
- ✓ Use a pleasant tone of voice and frequently hold, cuddle, and talk to the children.
- ✓ Help children manage their behavior in a positive, constructive, and non-threatening manner.
- ✓ Allow children to play alone or in small groups.
- ✓ Are attentive to and interact with the children.
- ✓ Provide stimulating, interesting, and educational activities.
- ✓ Demonstrate knowledge of social and emotional needs and developmental tasks for all children.
- ✓ Communicate with parents.

To report suspected or actual cases of child abuse or neglect, please call the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-962-2873.

For additional information, please visit www.myflorida.com/childcare or contact your local licensing office below:



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