

LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME FACT SHEET



DEFINITION OF LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

An occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated families, which receives a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not operated for profit, and which has at least two full-time child care personnel on the premises during the hours of operation.
(Section 402.302(8), Florida Statutes)

LICENSURE OF LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Every large family child care home in the state shall have a license which shall be renewed annually. (s. 402.313(1), F. S.)

CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Includes children under 13 years of age related to the caregiver.
- ✓ A maximum of 8 children age birth to 24 months.
- ✓ A maximum of 12 children, no more than 4 children under 24 months.

CHILD CARE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Operator Requirements

- ✓ Good moral character based upon screening.
- ✓ Must be at least 21 years of age.
- ✓ Must be the occupant and licensee of home.
- ✓ Must have a *Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)* or equivalent for one year prior to licensure as a large family child care home.
- ✓ Must be licensed as a family day care home for 2 consecutive years in Florida prior to licensure as a large family child care home.
- ✓ Must begin the required 40 hours of training within 90 days of licensure, and complete within one year from the date the training began.
- ✓ Responsible for overall operation of the home.
- ✓ May not be employed outside of home during hours of operation.
- ✓ At least one person must be on the premises during the hours of operation that is certified in first aid training and infant/child CPR.



Employee Requirements

- ✓ Good moral character based upon screening.
- ✓ Must be at least 1 full-time employee on duty in addition to the operator.
- ✓ Must be at least 18 years of age.
- ✓ Must be present during hours of operation as a large family child care home.
- ✓ Must begin the 30-hour *Family Child Care* training within 90 days of employment and complete within one year from the date the training began.

Requirements for Substitutes

- ✓ Substitutes for the operator must be at least 18 years of age.
- ✓ Substitutes for the operator must complete the 30-hour *Family Child Care* training prior to caring for children.
- ✓ Substitutes for an employee must meet additional training requirements.

Additional requirements for large family child care home include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ✓ Health Related Requirements
- ✓ Health Records
- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Employee Requirements
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Supervision
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Planned Activities
- ✓ Child Discipline
- ✓ Fire Safety
- ✓ Indoor Floor Space & Equipment
- ✓ Outdoor Play Space & Equipment
- ✓ Emergency Procedures
- ✓ Enforcement

NOTE: Statutory authority to regulate large family child care homes may be found in s. 402.3131, Florida Statutes and Chapter 65C-20, Florida Administrative Code.

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