

# Vermont Child Care Facts

## Home Based Programs

Licensed Family Child Care Home: An early childhood program licensed for up to 12 children in the residence of the licensee where the licensee is one of the primary caregivers. Must meet Vermont's regulations for quality and safety for licensed home.

*Required Staff/Child Ratio:*

Two staff members must be present when the number of children exceeds 6. No more than 2 children under the age of 24 months per staff person.

Registered Family Day Care Homes: Child care services provided in an individual person's home. The person that is registered provides the majority of the care to the children during open hours. Must meet Vermont's regulations for quality and safety for registered home.

*Required Staff/Child Ratio:*

The caregiver (the registrant) is allowed to have up to 6 children full time, only 2 of the 6 children can be under the age of 2 years. They may also have 4 additional school-age children, before and after school.

**Vermont  
Licensed Family Child Care  
Home Programs in SFY2015**

19 = Average Number of Programs

216 = Average Licensed Capacity of Programs

115 = Average Number of Children Eligible  
for CCFAP Attending

**Vermont  
Registered Family Day Care  
Homes in SFY2015**

826 = Average Number of Programs

8260\* = Average Licensed Capacity of Programs

2,442 = Average Number of Children Eligible for  
CCFAP Attending

*\* Average licensed capacity is based on the assumption  
that all registered homes take the ten children  
allowed by regulation.*

## Other Types of Care

Legally Exempt Child Care (LECC) Providers:

A person providing care for children of not more than two families that are eligible for Child Care Financial Assistance. The provider must pass criminal record check and meet minimal Vermont health and safety standards.

Unregulated care:

A person providing care for children of not more than two families is exempt from licensure in the state of Vermont. Also most summer camps and recreation activities are exempt from licensure. The State of Vermont doesn't regulate any nanny/Au Pair services.

## Concerns

If you have a concern about a provider or questions about regulations you can call the Child Care Consumer Concern Line at 1-800-649-2642; or submit a concern at [www.brightfutures.vermont.gov](http://www.brightfutures.vermont.gov)

For more information on child care regulations in the State of Vermont visit <http://dcf.vermont.gov/>

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There are many different types of child care in the State of Vermont. Regulated child care is a person or program licensed or registered by the Vermont Department for Children and Families, or authorized by the Department, to provide child care.

The following are descriptions of both regulated and unregulated options in Vermont. The following are shortened descriptions of some different types of care in Vermont and some differences in the current regulations for each type. This is not a full list of regulations but is a useful quick guide.

## Center-based Programs

Licensed Early Childhood (ECP) Programs: This includes part-day and full-day programs, after-school programs, and preschools. Most center-based programs must be licensed to care for a larger number of children. This means the center must meet Vermont's regulations for quality and safety for licensed child care.

### Vermont Early Childhood Programs in SFY2015

510 = Average Number of Programs  
 16,440 = Average Licensed Capacity of Programs  
 4,152 = Average Number of Children Eligible for CCFAP Attending

School Age Care (SAC) Program: Licensed center based program providing out of home care for less than 24 hours per day for children enrolled in kindergarten and higher grades. May be a private community based program or operated by and/or in a public school. May be a for-profit or non-profit entity. ECP programs do not need to apply for a separate license to serve school age children as part of their regular program. SAC Program licenses are generally held by programs who serve exclusively school age children.

### Vermont School Age Care Programs in SFY2015

148 = Average Number of Programs  
 9,548 = Average Licensed Capacity of Programs  
 1,301 = Average Number of Children Eligible for CCFAP Attending

Licensed Child Care Programs for Non-Recurring Clientele: Child care services provided specifically to meet the short-term needs of families arising from tourism, recreation, or shopping.

### Vermont Licensed Child Care Programs for Non-Recurring Clientele in SFY2015

17 = Average Number of Programs  
 961 = Average Licensed Capacity of Programs  
 26 = Average Number of Children Eligible for CCFAP Attending

<i>Required Staff/Child Ratios in Center-Based Programs</i>		
Children's Ages	Maximum in Group	Staff:Child
6 weeks – 23 months	8	1:4
24 months – 35 months	10	1:5
3 years – Kindergarten	20	1:10
1st grade – 15 years	No Maximum	1:13

