

LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME FACT SHEET



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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)*

Licensing Authority

Every large family child care home in the state shall have a license which shall be renewed annually. *(Section 402.3131, Florida Statutes)*

Child Care Personnel Requirements

Operator Requirements:

- √ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S..
- √ 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.
- √ Prior to licensure, must have completed 30 hours of training (as evidenced by passage of a competency exam). Within 6 months of licensure, must complete 10 hours of specialized training (as evidenced by passage of a competency exam).
- √ Must complete 10-hour annual in-service training.
- √ Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit or 5 clock hours of approved training in early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.
- √ Is responsible for overall operation of the child care home.
- √ May not be employed outside of home during hours of operation.
- √ Must have valid certificate of course completion in first aid training and infant/child CPR.

Child Care Personnel Requirements (*continued*)

Employee Requirements:

- √ Must be at least 1 full-time employee on duty in addition to the operator.
- √ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S..
- √ 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-clock-hour family child care training within 90 days of employment and complete (as evidenced by passage of a competency exam) within one year from the date the training began.
- √ Must complete 10-hour annual in-service training.
- √ Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit or 5 clock hours of approved training in early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.

Requirements for Substitutes:

- √ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S..
- √ Substitutes for the operator must be at least 18 years of age.
- √ Must complete the 30-clock-hour family child care training (prior to caring for children) as evidenced by passage of a competency exam.
- √ Must meet additional training requirements.

Capacity Requirements/Ratios

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.

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(Please contact your local child care licensing office for assistance.)



Additional Requirements

Additional requirements for large family child care homes 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

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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